



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER CRICKET

GENERAL RULES FOR PREMIER CRICKET COMPETITIONS (FOR AFFILIATED CLUBS)

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PLAYING CONDITIONS ANNEXURES:

- A.** Senior Male Two-Day Playing Conditions
- B.** Senior Male One-Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions
- C.** T20 Matches (All Competitions) Playing Conditions
- D.** Junior and Senior Female One-Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions
- E.** Junior Male (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 In these Rules:

- (a) **“AGM”** means Annual General Meeting.
- (b) **“Club”** or **“Premier Club”** means an entity that has been affiliated with WAPCC via a Membership Agreement.
- (c) **“Code of Conduct”** or **“WAPCC Code of Conduct”** means the WAPCC Code of Conduct set out in Rule 4.2.3.
- (d) **“Colts Competition”** means a Male T20 Competition which all members of each team are Colts Players.
- (e) **“Colts Player”** means a male player who is under the age of 21 years on 31st August in the year the Season commences.
- (f) **“Competition”** or **“Competitions”** means any Junior Competition or Senior Competition pursuant to Rule 2.2.
- (g) **“Competition Manager(s)”** or **“Competitions Manager(s)”** means the person(s) appointed by the WA Cricket or WAPCC with responsibilities that include competition administration & management tasks designated by the WAPCC under these Rules.
- (h) **“Cricket Australia”** or **“CA”** means Cricket Australia, the national body for Cricket in Australia.
- (i) **“Cricket Clothing”** means shirts, T-shirts, skins, trousers, sweaters, caps, hats, helmets, wristbands, headbands, sunglasses or other headgear.
- (j) **“Dispensation”** means any special consideration to rules that requires a formal submission/application from a club and an approval via Cricket Operations Unit or WAPCC.
- (k) **“Finals”** includes Elimination Finals, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Grand Final.
- (l) **“General Rules”** or **“Rules”** means the rules specified in this document.
- (m) **“Graduate”** means a person who has been awarded a qualification at Australian Qualification Framework Level 7 or above.
- (n) **“Home & Away Round”** means any round of matches in a Competition before Finals.
- (o) **“Insurance Policy”** means the Cricket Australia National Club Risk Protection Program.
- (p) **“Junior Female Competition”** means any competition between WAPCC-affiliated Clubs as specified in Rule 2.2.4.
- (q) **“Junior Female Player”** means a Competition player who is by age eligible to play in a Junior Female Competitions.
- (r) **“Junior Male Competition”** means any competition between WAPCC-affiliated Clubs as specified in Rule 2.2.3.
- (s) **“Junior Male Player”** means a Competition player who is by age eligible to play in a Junior Male Competitions, and for the avoidance of doubt does not include a Colts Player.
- (t) **“Laws of Cricket”** means the Marylebone Cricket Club Laws of Cricket as amended from time to time.
- (u) **“Local Player”** means a player who is an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or is a resident of the state of Western Australia, who is primarily in the state for work/study purposes on a temporary study/skilled work visa, with a reasonable intention/pathway to permanent residency.

- (v) **“Male Premier T20 Competition”** means a T20 Competition separate to the Senior Male Competition in which all participants are Senior Male players.
- (w) **“Management Committee”** means the duly appointed Management Committee of the WAPCC.
- (x) **“Masters Player”** means a player who is over the age of 35 years on 31st August in the year the Season commences.
- (y) **“Membership Agreement”** means the document that a Club signs with WAPCC to be affiliated with the competition.
- (z) **“OfficialsHQ”** means the Australian cricket umpiring & match reports management system maintained by Cricket Australia for use by cricket clubs and cricket administrators.
- (aa) **“Overseas Player”** means any player who is not an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or otherwise not defined under the ‘local player’ definition, or as determined by WAPCC under Rule 6.6.
- (bb) **“PlayHQ”** means the Australian cricket competition management system and player database maintained by Cricket Australia for use by cricket clubs and cricket administrators.
- (cc) **“Playing Conditions”** mean the annexure documents that govern the playing of matches across different competitions.
- (dd) **“Policy”** means any documents that are published or shared by WAPCC to its Clubs in addition to these Rules and its annexures, that relate to governance or administrative matters.
- (ee) **“Protest”** means a protest lodged under Rule 4.6 of these General Rules.
- (ff) **“Registered Player”** means a player registered with a Club in the PlayHQ database in accordance with Rule 6.3.
- (gg) **“Representative Player”** means any player that is training, resting or preparing for the Australian national or a state cricket team squad or participating in a tour or match with the sanction of the WA Cricket or Cricket Australia.
- (hh) **“Residential Dispensation”** means a Dispensation granted by WAPCC to a player to allow registration with a Club to comply with Rule 6.6.
- (ii) **“Season”** means the cricket playing period from 1st October to 31st March (or such other date for which fixtures are arranged) in any calendar year in which Competition matches are played.
- (jj) **“Senior Female Competition”** means the Senior Female Competition referred to in Rule 2.2.2.
- (kk) **“Senior Male Competition”** means the Senior Male Competition referred to in Rule 2.2.1.
- (ll) **“Senior Female Player”** means a Senior Female Competition player who is age eligible to play in a Senior Female Competition match.
- (mm) **“Senior Male Player”** means a Senior Male Competition player who is age eligible to play in a Senior Male Competition match.
- (nn) **“Spirit of Cricket”** means the philosophy developed (and adapted) by the Marylebone Cricket Club and incorporated as part of the Laws of Cricket (‘Preamble to the Laws: Spirit of Cricket’).
- (oo) **“University”** means The University of Western Australia.
- (pp) **“WA Cricket”** means the Western Australian Cricket Association.
- (qq) **“WAPCC”** means Western Australian Premier Cricket Council, Incorporated.
- (rr) **“WAPCC Constitution”** or **“Constitution”** means the constitution of the WAPCC as at the date of these General Rules.

2. WAPCC ADMINISTRATION, RULES AND CLUBS

2.1 Status and Application of General Rules

- 2.1.1 These General Rules are created under the WAPCC Constitution and are to be read together with the Playing Conditions referred to in Rule 5.5.
- 2.1.2 When considering changes to these General Rules, the committee or persons delegated by the WAPCC, shall at all times consult with affiliated Clubs.
- 2.1.3 These General Rules may be altered and repealed from time to time, in accordance with the WAPCC Constitution.
- 2.1.4 The day-to-day administration, management and interpretation of these General Rules and accompanying Playing Conditions is delegated to the Competitions Manager(s). The Competitions Manager(s) may refer any matter to the WAPCC Management Committee for consultation as required.

2.2 Competitions

- 2.2.1 The WAPCC will organise matches between Clubs in Senior Male Competitions classed as:
- (a) Senior Male Competitions (subdivided in four grades which may include both one-day and two-day matches);
 - (b) One-Day League Competition;
 - (c) Male Premier T20 Competition;
 - (d) Colts T20 Competition; and
 - (e) Masters Competition.
- Each club shall be represented by one (1) team in each grade.
- 2.2.2 The WAPCC will organise matches between approved Clubs in Senior Female Competitions classed as:
- (a) Female A Grade One-Day Competition;
 - (b) Female A Grade T20 Competition;
 - (c) Female B Grade One-Day Competition; and
 - (d) Female B Grade T20 Competition.
- 2.2.3 The WAPCC will organise matches between Clubs in Junior Male Competitions classed as:
- (a) Male Under 17 (Ted Hussey Shield);
 - (b) Male Under 15 (Tony Mann Shield);
 - (c) Male Under 14 (Graham McKenzie Shield); and
 - (d) Male Under 13 (John Inverarity Shield).
- 2.2.4 The WAPCC will organise matches between approved Clubs in Junior Female Competitions classed as:
- (a) Female Youth League Under 17s T20 Competition;
 - (b) Female Youth League Under 17s One-Day Competition; and
 - (c) Female Youth League Under 14s T20 Competition.

2.3 Club Affiliation with WAPCC

- 2.3.1 Subject to its Constitution, the WAPCC may admit any cricket club to play in the Competitions.

- 2.3.2 When a club is admitted it shall remain in the Competitions from season to season unless or until it is disaffiliated and, it shall be deemed to have agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the WAPCC in relation to the General Rules, Playing Conditions and Code of Conduct.
- 2.3.3 A cricket club that wishes to be admitted to playing in WAPCC competitions shall lodge an application in writing to the WAPCC, which shall include:
- (a) a copy of the cricket club's constitution;
 - (b) a copy of the club's most recent financial statement and most recent audited financial statement;
 - (c) a copy of an alphabetical list of names and addresses of all financial members of the cricket club;
 - (d) evidence satisfactory to the WAPCC that it is the owner, lessee or otherwise has tenure of a cricket ground of a standard satisfactory to the WAPCC for the purposes of conducting Competition matches;
 - (e) nomination of teams (subject to approval) for any of the competitions specified in Rule 2.2;
 - (f) details of how a club proposes to sustain its existence including financial and facility needs; and
 - (g) such other information as the WAPCC may request or which the cricket club considers relevant.
- 2.3.4 The WAPCC may, at its discretion and applying such criteria as it considers appropriate, either accept or refuse an application by a cricket club for admission to the Competitions. The decision of the WAPCC shall be final and binding.
- 2.3.5 Where a cricket club is admitted to play in the Competitions and has paid its affiliation fees the club shall be deemed to be affiliated with the WAPCC.
- 2.3.6 The WAPCC shall ratify the entry of new clubs on an annual basis no later than 1st July.
- 2.3.7 All new Clubs shall submit for approval their proposed ground, colours, logo and state how they propose to sustain the Club's existence.
- 2.3.8 WAPCC will publish or supply Clubs with a copy of any relevant Policy or Guidelines upon request.

2.4 Club Representation

- 2.4.1 The name of Clubs should be representative of the broader geographic area within which the Club is located, or the university with whom the Club is affiliated, and must not make any reference to any ethnic or political name, slogan, sponsor or business.
- 2.4.2 All Clubs that are affiliated with the WAPCC must submit their annual return for renewal of affiliation by no later than 31st July of that calendar year with current information complying with Rule 2.3.3, or a note to identify what part of that information previously supplied to WAPCC is unchanged. For the purposes of Rule 2.3.3(c) Clubs may use PlayHQ to supply the information or extract it for WAPCC.
- 2.4.3 To be granted and retain affiliation with WAPCC, Clubs must provide the facilities specified in Rule 7.

2.5 Duties of Affiliated Clubs

- 2.5.1 Each affiliated Club will comply with reasonable requests of WAPCC in relation to matters concerning or arising out of each Club's Membership Agreement, WAPCC Constitution and these Rules.
- 2.5.2 All Clubs will comply with the WAPCC Constitution, any Rules prepared in accordance with the WAPCC Constitution, the Insurance Policy adopted by Cricket Australia and other Policies determined from time to time by WAPCC. Those Policies may be included in these Rules or published separately.
- 2.5.3 Non-compliance with the requirements of Rule 2.5 will result in:
- (a) a suspension of payments of any WA Cricket grants; and
 - (b) all teams from the offending Club being unable to compete in any Competitions until the situation is rectified.

- 2.5.4 Where affiliation fee payable to WAPCC or any other debt to WAPCC is overdue for more than 60 days, on written request by WAPCC, the Club's financial information must be made available for review by WAPCC.
- 2.5.5 Each Club playing in a WAPCC Competition for a Season must enter and keep up to date in PlayHQ:
- (a) the names and details of all registered players for all Competitions; and
 - (b) the names and contact details of all registered club officials.
- 2.5.6 Clubs will ensure that they and their players comply with the registration, eligibility and qualification requirements in Rule 6.
- 2.5.7 All Clubs must submit a list of their players owing equipment or fees to their Club by 30th June prior to the opening of registrations for the Season. This list will be used in the administration of player transfers, and it is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that this list remains current.
- 2.5.8 A Club must supply a scorer for each home team in each grade of fixtures for a round.
- 2.5.9 It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that all registered players are aware of the regulations and policies governing Competition matches, including the Playing Conditions (as modified by Rule 5), the Laws of Cricket inclusive of the Spirit of Cricket and the Code of Conduct.
- 2.5.10 Clubs must collate during the Season, and provide to WAPCC when requested, the information required WAPCC, for the purposes of player statistics (averages and aggregates). This will be required both for Home & Away rounds and for finals for the WAPCC Annual Report and annual awards.

3. WAPCC GOVERNANCE

3.1 WAPCC Management Committee

- 3.1.1 The Management Committee will be responsible for:
- (a) making strategic decisions on the Competition within the remit of the Constitution;
 - (b) making strategic decisions based on the recommendations provided from the Female (Rule 3.4) & Male (Rule 3.5) Premier Cricket Council Sub-Committees;
 - (c) working with WA Cricket to deliver requirements listed within the Affiliation Agreement; and
 - (d) providing (as required) reports to WA Cricket and Clubs inclusive of proposals for strong, well-balanced cricket competitions and financially viable and best quality cricket clubs in the Perth Metropolitan area.
- 3.1.2 The Management Committee may delegate one or more of its functions under these Rules to the Competitions Manager.
- 3.1.3 Any decision to be made by the WAPCC under these General Rules may be made by the Management Committee or by the Competition Manager(s) if the Management Committee has delegated a function or authority to the Competition Manager(s).
- 3.1.4 The WAPCC has complete authority to determine any question arising about the proper interpretation of these Rules, but may refer a matter to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee (Rule 3.3), the Tribunal or to legal counsel for legal opinion.

3.2 Management Committee Sub-Committees

- 3.2.1 The WAPCC Management Committee will be deemed to have formed the following sub-committees:
- (a) Disciplinary Sub-Committee;
 - (b) Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee; and
 - (c) Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee.

3.3 Disciplinary Sub-Committee

- 3.3.1 The Disciplinary Committee will comprise of the WAPCC Chairman and two other members of the Management Committee, who will be elected as soon as possible after the WAPCC AGM, before the Season if possible.
- 3.3.2 Should it not be possible at any time for all Disciplinary Committee members to attend a Tribunal Hearing, the Chairman of the WAPCC will appoint a person (not being a member of the Tribunal) to act as a proxy and that person is empowered to act as if they were an ordinary member of the Disciplinary Committee until that authority is withdrawn.
- 3.3.3 The duties of the Disciplinary Committee will include:
- (a) receiving all reports of infringements and offences and determine the level of such offence;
 - (b) raising complaints against a Club, player or official if it believes an act of omission or offence has occurred under these Rules;
 - (c) referring any matter of sufficient seriousness to the Tribunal for determination;
 - (d) assessing any audio/visual evidence available to assess all reports of infringements, offences or complaints raised against a Club, player or official;
 - (e) deciding the appropriate penalty for any matter that is not serious enough to be referred to the Tribunal.
- 3.3.4 The penalty may be made for a defined specific timeframe or be applicable in a specific grade/competition as the Disciplinary Committee sees fit. Where a timeframe/grade are not defined, the penalty shall take effect from the next playing date, pursuant to Rule 6.10.1.
- 3.3.5 The Disciplinary Committee shall have power to make a decision binding on the player, and if necessary, the player's Club, in respect to any of the matters referred to in Rule 3.3.3.

3.4 Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee

- 3.4.1 The objective of the Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is to provide a strategic view on the ongoing development of Female Premier Cricket within the WA Premier Cricket Competitions. Detailed scope & responsibilities are defined within Appendix 1 (Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee Terms of Reference) of General Rules.
- 3.4.2 The Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee will make recommendations on Female Premier Cricket to the Management Committee and Council.
- 3.4.3 Membership of the Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee for each term shall be determined at the AGM of the WAPCC. Membership eligibility is defined within Appendix 1 (Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee Terms of Reference) of General Rules.

3.5 Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee

- 3.5.1 The objective of the Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is to provide a strategic view on the ongoing development of Male Premier Cricket within the WA Premier Cricket Competitions. Detailed scope & responsibilities are defined within Appendix 2 (Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee Terms of Reference) of General Rules.
- 3.5.2 The Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee will make recommendations on Male Premier Cricket to the Management Committee and Council.
- 3.5.3 Membership of the Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee for each term shall be determined at the AGM of the WAPCC. Membership eligibility is defined within Appendix 2 (Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee Terms of Reference) of General Rules.

4. SPIRIT OF CRICKET AND CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Spirit of Cricket Awards

- 4.1.1 The WAPCC will reward those Clubs that are judged to have best upheld the Spirit of the Game, as contained in the Spirit of Cricket, during the Season. In essence, this is respect for a team's opponents, a team's own captain, the roles of the umpires and the game's traditional values.
- 4.1.2 The Lord's Taverners Spirit of Cricket awards will be determined by the officiating umpires who will record points to be awarded to or deducted from each team at the end of the match Home & Away rounds of all competitions, as follows:

3 Points	Excellent – epitomised the true spirit and traditions of the game
2 Points	Played the game in good spirit
1 Point	Uncompromising but incident free
0 Points	Generally negative atmosphere created
-1 Point	Unacceptable behaviour – captain informed

4.2 Code of Conduct and Offences

- 4.2.1 The WAPCC will adopt from time to time and modify as appropriate to its Competitions the Code of Conduct published by Cricket Australia, which contains details of undesirable conduct. The WAPCC Code of Conduct is set out in Rule 4.2.3.
- 4.2.2 All players, umpires and officials participating in WAPCC Competitions, or in matches organised by the WAPCC are bound by and required to comply with the WAPCC Code of Conduct published in these Rules and relevant Competition Policies.
- 4.2.3 The following offences form part of the WAPCC Code of Conduct, which are adopted from Cricket Australia Code of Conduct. References shall only be made to these offences, and any guidelines that accompany the offences (in boxed sections) in determining disciplinary matters. The provisions of the Rule itself take precedence over any guidelines.

LEVEL 1 OFFENCES

- 1.1 Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.

Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary markers or any part of or the contents or any building or structure at the ground.

- 1.2 Show dissent at an umpire's decision.

*Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision via an immediate reaction or gestures or an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.
This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in their Captain's report.*

- 1.3 Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making of an obscene gesture.

*This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune.
The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.*

- 1.4 Engaging in excessive or unnecessary appealing.

Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before a decision has been given may also come within this Rule.

- 1.5 Point or gesture towards the pavilion, including by words, in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batter.

Includes charging or running up to the batter and "getting in his [or her] face" or giving a 'send-off' to a player by words or action.

- 1.6 Failure by a team to ensure that condition of a ball is not changed in breach of Law 41.3.

- 1.7 Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in normal fashion. As a guide, the appropriateness of the throw will be deemed by whether the batter was attempting a run, whether there was a realistic opportunity for a run out, was the bowler intentionally trying to intimidate the batter and/or whether the batter was struck by the ball. A lack of intention/frustration with minimal risk of injury classifies a throw to be low end.

- 1.8 Failure of a captain to control his/her own or team's conduct upon instructions from the umpires.

LEVEL 2 OFFENCES

- 2.1 Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision.

Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a prolonged and/or ongoing specific action, particularly after an immediate delay such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from the umpire, pointing at pad or bat, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire. This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or captain from commenting on the umpire's performance in their Captain's report.

- 2.2 Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials.

Without limitation, players will breach this Rule if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.

- 2.3 Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

- 2.4 Deliberately & maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.

This is not intended to replace Law 41(4) and (5) of the Laws of Cricket. Without limitation, players will breach this Rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batter while running or attempting to run between wickets.

- 2.5 Intentionally throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in normal fashion. As a guide, the appropriateness of the throw will be deemed by whether the batter was attempting a run, whether there was a realistic opportunity for a run out, was the bowler intentionally trying to intimidate the batter and/or whether the batter was struck by the ball. A wilful display of frustration or a high force throw carrying a higher risk of injury on impact will classify the throw as a serious matter.

- 2.6 Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.

This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See comments under Rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.

- 2.7 Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 41.3.

Prohibited behaviour includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball other than perspiration.

- 2.8 Without limiting Rule 8, attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

Prohibited conduct under this Rule will include incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own or improve its opponent's performance points or net run rate.

- 2.9 Entering the field of play in an unauthorised capacity as a player, official or club spectator.

A player, coach or club official/spectator shall not enter the field of play during a match unless doing so under instructions of an official appointed umpire, conducting duties as an authorised umpire or in a medical emergency situation and/or instances of assisting with drinks management under extreme weather policy.
The rule specifically prohibits any individual from entering the field of play to query a decision, playing conditions application or any other interactions with a member from the opposition or their own team when they're not reasonably required on the field.

LEVEL 3 OFFENCES

- 3.1 Intimidate or attempt to intimidate an umpire or referee whether by language or conduct.

Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.

- 3.2 Threaten to assault another player, team official or spectator.

- 3.3 Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin.

LEVEL 4 OFFENCES

- 4.1 Threaten to assault an umpire or referee.

- 4.2 Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.

- 4.3 Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.

- 4.4 Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages, or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin.

LEVEL 5 – LAWS OF CRICKET AND 'SPIRIT OF THE GAME'

- 5.1 Players must obey the 'Laws of Cricket' and play within the spirit of the game.

This is meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts, gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by Level 1 to 4 offences set out above.
Conduct which will be prohibited under the Rule includes time wasting and any other conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 41 of the Laws of Cricket.
This Rule is not intended to punish unintentional breaches of the Laws of Cricket.
Reference may be made to any statement or explanation of the Spirit of Cricket published in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket.
Nothing in this Rule or the Code alters the onus on the captain to ensure that the Spirit of the Game is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

LEVEL 6 – UNBECOMING BEHAVIOUR

- 6.1 Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not at any time in a cricket related situation engage in behaviour unbecoming to a player or official that could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket.

This is also meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts or, or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the Level 1 to 4 offences set out above.
It is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and cheating during play.

4.3 Recommended Penalties for Code of Conduct Breaches

- 4.3.1 In respect to the Code of Conduct, the following are the recommended penalties for Level 1 to 4 offences:

- (a) Level 1 – Official reprimand and/or a fine of up to \$500 and/or a ban of up to 2 matches and/or playing days.
- (b) Level 2 – A ban of 2 or 3 matches and/or playing days.
- (c) Level 3 – A ban of 3 to 5 matches and/or playing days.
- (d) Level 4 – A ban of 6 or more matches and/or playing days, or a life ban.

- 4.3.2 In respect to the Code of Conduct, the following are the recommended penalties for Level 5 and 6 offences (which may be imposed individually or in combination):
- (a) a ban from participating in any match;
 - (b) a fine for a of any amount up to \$2,000; and
 - (c) a reprimand.
- 4.3.3 Any part of a suspension in Rules 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 may be offered as a suspended penalty.
- 4.3.4 Any penalties reflected above may be offered to the appointed club officials or the club entity and/or a team in any competition in conjunction with the relevant penalties to the offending player/official/member/spectator.
- 4.3.5 The number of playing days in upcoming matches shall be a consideration in determining any penalties in 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.
- 4.3.6 Should a penalty served be completed halfway through a fixture, that player must wait until a new fixture before they may return from the penalty.

4.4 Code of Conduct Offences, Cautions and Reporting

- 4.4.1 Under these Rules, a contravention of the Code of Conduct is an offence.
- 4.4.2 Umpires must warn a Club, player or official for a contravention of the Code of Conduct and report the matter to the other umpire and the player's team captain.
- 4.4.3 Umpires must notify a Club, player or official of any intention to lodge a Code of Conduct complaint, and the nature of the offence committed, within 60 minutes after stumps have been drawn on the day on which the offence is alleged to have been committed. Failure by an umpire to comply with this Rule does not invalidate the complaint made.
- 4.4.4 Umpires must lodge Code of Conduct complaints with the WAPCC no later than 12 noon on Monday following completion of a match in which the alleged offence occurred. Failure by an umpire to comply with this Rule does not invalidate the complaint made.
- 4.4.5 For the sake of clarity, audio/visual evidence taken of a Competition match may be used in conjunction with the Code of Conduct complaint lodged by an Umpire.
- 4.4.6 Any player reported by an Umpire must have the complaint referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who shall consider the complaint and the level of offence, if any, for which the Club, player or official is alleged to have committed; and:
- (a) offer the Club, player or official a penalty, open for acceptance for a definite period, in lieu of referring the matter to the Tribunal; or
 - (b) refer the matter to the Tribunal in accordance with Rule 4.11.
- 4.4.7 A Code of Conduct complaint shall be referred to the Tribunal in accordance with Rule 4.11 unless the player, Club or official accepts a penalty from the Disciplinary Committee within the time specified in any offer made pursuant to Rule 4.4.6(b).
- 4.4.8 Where an umpire has occasion to speak to a player about his behaviour but does not consider the player's behaviour to be so serious as to warrant a report to the WAPCC, the umpire shall caution the player.
- (a) An umpire shall note a caution on the Umpire's Match Report and lodge the caution with the WAPCC.
 - (b) The umpire shall notify the Club, player or official in accordance with Rule 4.4.3.
- 4.4.9 Should a player receive three (3) cautions over any two-season duration, the player shall receive an automatic one match suspension. Any subsequent caution within the same season will result in the player being referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

- 4.4.10 Any player in any grade who has been found guilty of a Code of Conduct offence shall be ineligible for a player-of-the-season award in any grade. In the event that a suspension arising from a WAPCC match or final series match extends into the final series or ensuing season or seasons the player shall not be precluded from winning an award in the ensuing season or seasons.

4.5 Use of Digital Media

- 4.5.1 Any player or official who is found to have engaged in, or is suspected of engaging in the unacceptable use of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube or any other print, digital or social networking site, including blogs, websites & news articles, may be dealt with by the WAPCC as it deems fit.
- 4.5.2 Without limitation, unacceptable use may involve the player or official:
- (a) criticising umpires, players or any other person involved in the Competition;
 - (b) engaging in bullying behaviour including but not limited to name-calling or making condescending, offensive or abusive remarks about any person; or
 - (c) engaging in any other behaviour which the WAPCC reasonably determines, in its absolute discretion, to have breached this policy.
- 4.5.3 It is not relevant that the player or official making the remarks was not aware that the content could or would be made publicly available.

4.6 Protests and Calculated Unfair Conduct

- 4.6.1 A Club may lodge a protest with the WAPCC against an opposing Club in a match with respect to one or more of the following:
- (a) the result of a match;
 - (b) any conduct which is alleged to have been calculated to obtain an unfair advantage in the course of that match by that opposing Club or any one or more of that opposing Club's members; or
 - (c) the unfitness of a ground or pitch for play on any match day or part of a match day where the unfitness of the ground or pitch is alleged to have been caused either wholly or in part by an act or omission of the home club, or circumstances within the control of the home club.
- 4.6.2 A protest under this Rule must be notified in writing to the WAPCC within 3 days of the match to which the protest relates, comply with Rule 4.6.3 and be signed by the President of the protesting Club.
- 4.6.3 A Protest notice must state:
- (a) The date and place of the match;
 - (b) The name and team of the opposing Club;
 - (c) The grounds of the protest (with reference to any applicable General Rules or Laws of Cricket);
 - (d) A summary of the facts the protesting club will rely upon to support its protest; and
 - (e) The names of the witnesses the protesting club will rely on at the hearing of the protest.
- 4.6.4 Failure to comply with Rule 4.6.3 does not invalidate the notice, subject to the Tribunal being satisfied the protest has merit.
- 4.6.5 Upon receiving a protest under this Rule, the WAPCC Management Committee must determine the merits of the protest with an appropriate course of action, which may include referring the matter to the Tribunal.
- 4.6.6 The WAPCC may independently refer a matter to the Tribunal as Complainant if it is satisfied that there has been conduct of the kind referred to in Rule 4.6.1(b), and shall provide a Protest notice in accordance with Rule 4.6.3.

4.7 Orders that may be made after Protests

- 4.7.1 If a Protest is upheld, the WAPCC Management Committee or the Tribunal may make one of the following orders:
- (a) the result of the protested match be varied (but not in the case of a protest related to the unfitness of the ground or pitch for play);
 - (b) the protested match be replayed; or
 - (c) the protested match be forfeited by the respondent Club.
- 4.7.2 If the WAPCC Management Committee or Tribunal orders the protested match be forfeited by the respondent Club, then they may also:
- (a) cancel or vary any points previously awarded with regard to that match;
 - (b) award points appropriate to the altered result of the match according to scale of points available; and/or
 - (c) impose a fine upon the respondent Club.
- 4.7.3 If a Protest relating to the unfitness of a ground or pitch for play is dismissed, because the unfitness of the pitch or ground relates to a matter outside the control of the home team or its curator, the WAPCC Management Committee or the Tribunal must still order:
- (a) the result of the match stand; or
 - (b) the match be replayed at a place, date & time to be notified by WAPCC within 3 days of the determination.

4.8 Tribunal Jurisdiction

- 4.8.1 The Tribunal will hear any matter referred to it by the WAPCC in relation to:
- (a) Appeals from penalties imposed by the Management Committee for infringements;
 - (b) Offences for breach of the Code of Conduct; and/or
 - (c) Protests under Rule 4.6 of these General Rules.
- 4.8.2 The Tribunal will not hear:
- (a) any eligibility complaints based on the information contained in PlayHQ;
 - (b) any Transfer or Dispensation disputes; or
 - (c) any complaints regarding the application of the Playing Conditions for any Competition.

4.9 Tribunal Membership

- 4.9.1 The Tribunal will be comprised of three members.
- 4.9.2 At least one of whom shall be:
- (a) A lawyer, under the Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2022 (WA).; or
 - (b) A Magistrate;
- 4.9.3 Two of the members of the Tribunal shall be either past or present representatives of clubs affiliated with the WAPCC or who are or were officials of Clubs.
- 4.9.4 The WAPCC shall select the persons to constitute the Tribunal for each sitting, and shall nominate the Chairman of the Tribunal.
- 4.9.5 A person shall not sit on the Tribunal if that person or that person's Club is involved in the complaint or matter before the Tribunal or is related to any of the parties.

4.10 Powers of Tribunal

4.10.1 In the course of hearing or dealing with any complaint or matter referred to it the Tribunal may:

- (a) require the attendance of any person before it;
- (b) administer an oath and hear evidence (whether in person or through electronic communication such as telephone or video conferencing);
- (c) view video evidence and/or listen to audio evidence;
- (d) re-open or rehear any complaint or matter previously dealt with by it;
- (e) if any person fails to answer any questions or acts in an unseemly or obstructive manner, impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and may suspend that person from participating in a game of cricket administered by WAPCC for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months;
- (f) impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on any person or Club who has, in the opinion of the Tribunal, made a complaint which is trivial, frivolous or vexatious;
- (g) suspend any person from playing in a game of cricket, acting as a coach of a team or acting as a team official for any period and/or impose a fine not exceeding \$2,000 on any person or Club who has in the opinion of the Tribunal contravened these Rules, contravened the WAPCC Constitution, contravened any Laws of Cricket, brought the game of cricket into disrepute or failed to comply with any order or direction of the Tribunal;
- (h) order the forfeiture of a game of cricket;
- (i) refer any matter to another sub-committee of the WAPCC, the Chairman of the WAPCC or WAPCC Management Committee as deemed necessary.

4.10.2 In imposing a suspension or disqualification, the Tribunal may impose that penalty by reference to:

- (a) a number of cricket games in a particular Competition or grade; or
- (b) a time-period suspension or disqualification.

4.11 Tribunal Pre-Hearing Procedures

4.11.1 The WAPCC shall give notice of a Tribunal hearing if:

- (a) the Disciplinary Committee decides to refer a Code of Conduct complaint to the Tribunal directly; or
- (b) a player does not accept the penalty offered by the Disciplinary Committee; or
- (c) another complaint or Protest is made under these Rules in respect to a matter for which the Tribunal has jurisdiction.

4.11.2 Prior to giving notice of a Tribunal hearing, the WAPCC shall:

- (a) arrange a date for the Tribunal to hear the matter in accordance with these Rules, if possible no later than the next fixture; and
- (b) provide copies of the complaint or Protest and the notice to be provided to the Tribunal members, the parties and to the originator of the Complaint (e.g. umpires or Clubs).

4.11.3 In any protest relating to the abandonment of a match, the WAPCC shall arrange and ensure that a thorough investigation of the circumstances into the abandonment of the match is conducted and that a report be presented to the Management Committee or Tribunal for decision and penalty if appropriate. The purpose of the report is to set out facts to establish whether there was any failure by the Club to ensure:

- (a) the pitch was properly prepared; or

- (b) the pitch was properly protected against the elements, vandalism or foul play, machinery or equipment failure or other reasonably foreseeable events.

(For the purposes of this Rule, a groundsman who is responsible for the preparation of the pitch and who is employed by a body other than the local Club, is deemed to be a contractor or agent of that Club).

4.11.4 Notices shall be given to:

- (a) a player by forwarding to the player and his or her Club; and
- (b) a Club by forwarding to the secretary of the Club.

4.11.5 The notice advising of the Tribunal hearing shall include:

- (a) A copy of any notice, complaint or Protest;
- (b) A copy of any offer made by the Disciplinary Committee; and
- (c) Details of the date and place of the Tribunal hearing.

4.11.6 Tribunal Members will be given a copy of the notice, a briefing paper by the WAPCC and, if requested, a copy of these General Rules.

4.12 Tribunal Hearing Procedure

4.12.1 In respect to a complaint with regard to a Code of Conduct offence, a WAPCC representative will present the case on behalf of the WAPCC as Complainant. The WAPCC may be represented by a member of its Disciplinary Committee, its Management Committee or the Competition Manager.

4.12.2 In the case of a Protest, the protesting Club will present the case as Complainant and the opposing Club will be the Respondent.

4.12.3 In the case of a Code of Conduct Complaint or a Protest:

- (a) a player Respondent may appear at the hearing or be represented by a person other than a legal practitioner or law clerk.
- (b) a Club that is a Complainant or a Respondent may be represented by a member of its committee other than a legal practitioner or law clerk.

4.12.4 The Complainant and the Respondent may call witnesses to support the case. For the avoidance of doubt, the person representing a player or Club may not give evidence: at the hearing they must appear as a witness or a representative of a party, but not both.

4.12.5 The Tribunal procedure is as follows:

- (a) the Complaint will be presented by a member of the Disciplinary Committee or a person delegated authority by the WAPCC, and witnesses in support may be called and then cross-examined by the other party;
- (b) if the Tribunal is of the opinion that the respondent has a case to answer, then the respondent's case may be presented, witnesses in support may be called and then cross-examined by the other party;
- (c) at the conclusion of the hearing, the Complainant's representative may address the Tribunal, and then the Respondent or its representative may address the Tribunal in Reply.

4.12.6 For a Protest, the Tribunal may dismiss the protest or uphold the Protest.

4.12.7 For a Code of Conduct complaint, the Tribunal must consider whether the Complainant has proved an offence under these General Rules.

4.12.8 For a proven Code of Conduct offence, the Tribunal:

- (a) may impose such penalty or make such order as it thinks fit; and

- (b) in making its order, must have regard to any recommended penalty or order in Rules 4.3 and 4.7, and any directives communicated to the clubs from the Management Committee/Cricket Operations Unit.

4.12.9 When imposing a fine or penalty, the Tribunal may take into account any circumstance it considers relevant, including:

- (a) the seriousness of the breach;
- (b) the harm caused by the breach;
- (c) the person's seniority and standing in the game;
- (d) the remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
- (e) the person's prior record; and
- (f) the impact of the penalty on the person.

4.13 Tribunal Decisions

4.13.1 All decisions of the Tribunal must be reported to the WAPCC Management Committee and the Management Committee must give effect to the decision. Each decision shall be recorded in the minutes of the Management Committee.

4.13.2 WAPCC must notify all persons and Clubs concerned of the Tribunal's findings and publish the nature of the complaint and the decision, unless the Management Committee considers this is undesirable.

4.14 Appeals

4.14.1 In the event that:

- (a) the Disciplinary Committee refers the matter directly to the Tribunal under Rule 3.3.3 (b);
- (b) the Tribunal hears the matter in accordance with the Tribunal Hearing Procedure process set out in the General Rules; and
- (c) the Tribunal makes a decision,
either the Disciplinary Committee or the Respondent may, subject to compliance with Rules 4.14.2 and 4.14.3, lodge an appeal with the Competitions Manager, within 24 hours of the completion of the Tribunal Hearing and the Tribunal making a decision, outlining the reasons why it is appealing the Tribunal Decision.

4.14.2 A Tribunal Decision may only be appealed on one or more of the following grounds that:

- (a) there was an error of law;
- (b) the decision was so unreasonable that no Tribunal acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it;
- (c) the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive or inadequate

4.14.3 In the event that the Defendant wishes to appeal a Tribunal Decision, a non-refundable appeal hearing fee of \$1,000 (inc. GST) is payable with the lodgement of the notice of appeal.

4.14.4 The Appeal Hearing shall be held under the same procedure as a Tribunal Hearing laid out in Rule 4.12 of these General Rules.

4.14.5 The Tribunal Members from the Tribunal Hearing cannot hear the Appeal.

4.15 Grievances

4.15.1 If a matter does not fall within the powers of the Tribunal to determine, each Club may refer one such matter to the WAPCC Management Committee within any calendar year. The right of referral is retained if the matter is decided in favour of the referring Club.

- 4.15.2 To refer an issue to the WAPCC Management Committee under this Rule, a non-refundable referral fee of \$100 (inc. GST) is payable, together with a \$300 (inc. GST) fee for hearing. The hearing fee is refundable to the Club if the matter is decided in its favour.

4.16 Infringements and Penalty Schedule

- 4.16.1 Under these Rules, contravention of the following Rules are infringements and the penalties are specified in the Rule to which the infringement relates:

- (a) Forfeiture of a match – Home & Away Match (Rule 5.2) – max \$500; full match points awarded to the opposition.
- (b) Forfeiture of a match – Finals Match (Rule 5.2) – max \$500; match result awarded to the opposition.
- (c) Failure to use WAPCC approved match balls (Rule 5.6.1) – max \$100.
- (d) Playing an ineligible player (Rule 6.2, Rule 6.4, Rule 6.6 or Rule 6.10) or an unqualified player (Rule 6.7, Rule 6.8 and if applicable, Rule 10.2) – match points and/or max \$250.
- (e) Playing an ineligible player (Rule 6.2, Rule 6.4, Rule 6.6 or Rule 6.10) or an unqualified player (Rule 6.7, Rule 6.8 and if applicable, Rule 10.2) in a Finals match – match forfeit and/or max \$250.
- (f) Failure to provide facilities at home ground (Rule 7.1.1) – max \$250.
- (g) Failure to provide adequate or any scoreboard operators (Rule 7.1.2) – max \$100.
- (h) Failure to provide Male 1st Grade name plates (Rule 7.1.2) – max \$150.
- (i) Failure to wear proper cricket attire or comply with logos or sponsorship requirements (Rule 8.1) – max \$500 per Club and max \$50 per player.
- (j) Failure to lodge match reports (Rule 11.2) – loss of points and/or max \$100.
- (k) Failure to lodge scores via PlayHQ and/or via prescribed process for inclusion in newspapers on time (Rule 11.1) – max \$50.
- (l) Failure to comply to comply with Junior Player Bowling Restrictions (Rule 5.11.2) – max \$250 and a caution for the offending captain.
- (m) Breach of Player Points Cap (Rule 9.1) – match points and/or max \$500.
- (n) Breach of WAPCC Use of Covers Directive (Rule 5.7.3) or failure to provide or use appropriate covers for Turf Wickets (Rule 7.1.3) – match points and/or max \$500.
- (o) Breach of Running of Drinks Requirements (Rule 5.13) – max \$250.

For any of the above infringements, the WAPCC may penalise the club by not awarding match points or a fine of up to \$2,000, having regard to any maximum penalties specified in this Rule.

5. LAWS OF CRICKET AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

5.1 Application of Laws of Cricket to Competitions

- 5.1.1 The Laws of Cricket and the Spirit of Cricket in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket will apply to all Competitions but may be modified, supplemented or excluded by these Rules and the Playing Conditions
- 5.1.2 These Rules shall apply to the management of all matches under the control of the WAPCC and to any other matches to which the Management Committee directs.

5.2 Forfeits

- 5.2.1 If a Club is unable to play in a match arranged by the WAPCC the Club must give notice to the Competition Manager(s) and to the Secretary of the opposing Club no later than two (2) days before the match is to commence and will forfeit the match and be subject to the penalty for an infringement as per Rule 4.16.
- 5.2.2 Should a Club forfeit more than one match in a particular season in a competition, the Management Committee will then review the matter and discuss club's future participation in that competition.

5.3 Teams, Overseas Players and Replacement Players

- 5.3.1 Teams consist of 11 players (unless otherwise varied in the Annexures), but there is a minimum of 8 players required to take the field to commence play.
- 5.3.2 All clubs shall enter their selected teams for all competitions in PlayHQ by 12:00pm on the Friday before the start of a match.
- 5.3.3 Teams must be nominated in writing to the other team and to the umpires before the toss. If the toss is delayed, teams must still be nominated no later than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for the match. No player other than those named will be allowed to play in the match, subject to the replacement of players as per this Rule 5.3.
- 5.3.4 In the Senior Male Competitions, a Club shall not play more than one (1) Overseas Player per team in a match. A player who meets the definition of an Overseas Player at the time of registering with a Club shall be classed as an Overseas Player for the purposes of this Rule until such time as an Overseas Dispensation has terminated or expired, or until such time as they meet for the criteria for Rule 10.1.2(b) for the Club to which the Dispensation applies.
- 5.3.5 In the Senior Female Competitions, a Club shall not play more than three (3) Overseas Player per team in a match. A player who meets the definition of an Overseas Player at the time of registering with a Club shall be classed as an Overseas Player for the purposes of this Rule until such time as an Overseas Dispensation has terminated or expired, or until such time as they meet for the criteria for Rule 10.1.2(b) for the Club to which the Dispensation applies.
- 5.3.6 In the Junior Male & Junior Female Competitions, a Club shall not play more than one (1) Overseas Player per team in a match. A player who meets the definition of an Overseas Player at the time of registering with a Club shall be classed as an Overseas Player for the purposes of this Rule until such time as an Overseas Dispensation has terminated or expired, or until such time as they meet for the criteria for Rule 10.1.2(b) for the Club to which the Dispensation applies.
- 5.3.7 The Competition Manager(s) in its sole discretion, may revoke the 'Local Player' status of any non-Australian citizen or permanent resident under the definition of Rule 1.1.1(o) should they need to be deemed as an 'Overseas Player'.
- 5.3.8 A Representative Player may be replaced according to the following:
- (a) If a representative player is known to possibly become available after the match has commenced they should be named on the team sheet along with the player that will be replaced. The Competition Manager(s) should be notified of the replacement players and how it affects the other grades by 12:00pm on the day before the start of the match and notification to the other team and umpires that the representative / replacement and replaced players have been included on the team list prior to the start of the first day's play.
 - (b) If a representative player becomes unavailable after the commencement of a match they may be replaced with a "like-for-like" player. The Competition Manager should be notified of the replacement players and how it affects the other grades by 12:00pm on the day before the match restarts and notification to the other team and umpires that the representative / replacement player has been added to the team list prior to the start of the relevant day's play.

- (c) If a representative player becomes unavailable during the hours of play of a match, the club must nominate any changes that will occur pursuant to these rules to the opposition captain and to the umpires at the earliest convenience, subject to WAPCC Approval.
- 5.3.9 Any player that replaces another player under this Rule shall be deemed to continue in that match for that other player, with no more and no less rights than the other player. Once the Representative Player begins to participate in the match, they will play under their own name for statistical purposes.
- 5.3.10 A player who, due to representative match duties, arrives late on a day of a match in which he is nominated to play or is playing, shall not be limited as to when and how he may take part or resume in the match.
- 5.3.11 A player who, due to representative match duties, is a not out batter and is unable to resume his innings shall be treated under Law 25.4 as retired owing to unavoidable cause and recorded as “retired, not out.”
- 5.3.12 A player who, due to representative match duties, is a not out batter shall replace/be replaced by the representative player or the nominated replacement player at the crease.
- 5.3.13 A team shall be allowed a substitute fielder for any Representative Player taking part in a sanctioned representative match.
- 5.3.14 In all other respects the replacement or substitution of a player is to occur in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, except for Law 1.2, where the opposing Team Captain shall not have permission to give consent to change the nomination of the team after the call of play.
- 5.3.15 If a Club has more than one team allocated to a Competition conducted pursuant to Rule 2.2, a player who has played in one of those teams shall not be eligible to play in the other team or teams of the Club in that Competition unless the prior written permission of the WAPCC has been obtained.
- 5.3.16 In the case of a replayed match from a set of fixtures for a Competition a Club wishing to make any alterations to the team in the replayed fixture must first obtain approval of the Competition Manager(s).

5.4 Match Fixtures

- 5.4.1 The Competition Manager(s) will prepare fixtures for all teams nominated by Clubs for Competitions in the current Season. The Competition Manager(s) will determine the scheduled playing time for all matches.
- 5.4.2 There will be a break over Christmas period, length of which will depend on the public holidays within the Season, to allow for adequate matches during the Season as determined by the Competition Manager(s).
- 5.4.3 The Competition Manager(s) will publish all official fixtures using the PlayHQ system prior to the commencement of the Season and these will be updated from time to time as necessary.
- 5.4.4 All matches will be conducted on Club grounds or otherwise as arranged by the Competition Manager(s) for both Home & Away rounds and Finals.

5.5 Applicable Playing Conditions

- 5.5.1 All Competitions will be played in accordance with the following playing conditions:
 - (a) Senior Male Two-Day Playing Conditions;
 - (b) Senior Male One-Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions;
 - (c) T20 Playing Conditions;
 - (d) Junior and Senior Female One-Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions; and
 - (e) Junior Male (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions,
 and as fixtured by the WAPCC for the Season or as required by these Rules.
- 5.5.2 The following Grades will have competition matches played under the following playing conditions:
 - (a) Senior Male Competitions - 5.5.1 (a) and 5.5.1 (b);

- (b) One-Day League Competition – 5.5.1 (b);
- (c) Male Premier T20 Competition – 5.5.1 (c);
- (d) Colts T20 Competition – 5.5.1 (c);
- (e) Masters Competition – 5.5.1 (c);
- (f) Female A Grade One-Day Competition – 5.5.1 (d);
- (g) Female A Grade T20 Competition – 5.5.1 (c);
- (h) Female B Grade One-Day Competition – 5.5.1 (d);
- (i) Female B Grade T20 Competition – 5.5.1 (c);
- (j) Male Under 17 (Ted Hussey Shield) - 5.5.1 (e) and 5.5.1 (c);
- (k) Male Under 15 (Tony Mann Shield) – 5.5.1 (e) and 5.5.1 (c);
- (l) Male Under 14 (Graham McKenzie Shield) – 5.5.1 (e);
- (m) Male Under 13 (John Inverarity Shield) – 5.5.1 (e);
- (n) Female Youth League Under 17s One-Day Competition – 5.5.1 (d);
- (o) Female Youth League Under 17s T20 Competition – 5.5.1 (c); and
- (p) Female Youth League Under 14s T20 Competition – 5.5.1 (c).

5.6 Approved Equipment

5.6.1 Only cricket balls approved by the WAPCC may be used in the Competitions.

5.6.2 The approved balls for the Competitions are:

Approved Ball	Competitions
Kookaburra Turf 4-piece Red 156g Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece Red 156g	Male 1 st Grade (Two-Day only) Male 2 nd Grade (Two-Day only) Male 3 rd Grade (Two-Day only) Male 4 th Grade (Two-Day only) Male Under 17s Male Under 15s Male Under 14s
Kookaburra Regulation Reject 4-piece Red 156g Kookaburra Club Match 4-piece Red 156g	Male 3 rd Grade (Two-Day only) Male 4 th Grade (Two-Day only) Male Under 17s Male Under 15s Male Under 14s
Duke County International 4-piece Red 156g Focus Cricket Balls 4-piece Red 156g	Male 3 rd Grade (Two-Day only) Male 4 th Grade (Two-Day only) <i>(however, note Rule 5.6.3 below for Kookaburra exclusivity)</i>
Kookaburra Turf 4-piece White 156g Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 156g	Male 1 st Grade (One-Day only) Male 2 nd Grade (One-Day only) Male 3 rd Grade (One-Day only) Male 4 th Grade (One-Day only) Male Premier T20 Male Colts T20
Kookaburra Regulation Reject 4-piece White 156g	Male 3 rd Grade (One-Day only) Male 4 th Grade (One-Day only)
Kookaburra Red King 2-piece Red 142g	Male Under 13s

Kookaburra Turf 4-piece White 142g Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 142g	Female A Grade One-Day Female A Grade T20 Female B Grade One-Day Female B Grade T20 Female Youth League Under 17s One-Day Female Youth League Under 17s T20 Female Youth League Under 14s T20
Kookaburra Regulation 4-piece White 142g Reject	Female B Grade One-Day Female B Grade T20 Female Youth League Under 17s One-Day Female Youth League Under 17s T20 Female Youth League Under 14s T20

- 5.6.3 For the 2026-27 and 2027-28 Premier Cricket Seasons, only Kookaburra balls listed in 5.6.2 shall be used in 3rd & 4th Grade Competition Two-Day matches. This provision shall be reviewed at the end of the 2027-28 Premier Cricket Season.

5.7 Ground Weather and Light Procedures

- 5.7.1 In general, Law 2.7 of the Laws of Cricket will apply, and it will be for the Umpires to decide if grounds are unfit for play in a match.
- 5.7.2 Clubs must advise Competition Manager(s) no later than 12:00pm on the day prior to a Competition match if there are any problems being experienced in preparation of a pitch to a condition as perfect as possible.
- 5.7.3 Clubs must follow Competition Manager(s) Directive regarding the use of Pitch Covers from a minimum Two-Days out before any Competition Fixture. Failure to follow the directive will see the offending Club be subject to the penalty for an infringement as per Rule 4.16.
- 5.7.4 Matches will proceed unless the Competition Manager(s) have called off the round prior to the schedule day of fixtures. If there has been no general cancellation by Competition Manager(s), umpires shall determine fitness for play when they assume control of matches.
- 5.7.5 The Competition Manager(s) may call off all fixtures in any grade of any Competition, or in any other Competition, up to 2 hours before scheduled start of play, if more than 50% of grounds are unfit for play.

5.8 No Play Possible in Two-Day Matches

- 5.8.1 If no play is possible on the first day in all matches of a grade in a Senior Male Competitions Home & Away Round, the matches in that grade shall be played on the second day under Senior Male One-Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions.

5.9 Partial Cancellation of Two-Day Matches

- 5.9.1 The following will apply where there is interruption to play on the first day of a Home & Away Round match:
- If a points result is obtained by any team or teams in a particular grade on the first day then all other matches in that grade will continue under Senior Male Two-Day Playing Conditions on the second day.
 - In Senior Male 1st and 2nd Grade Competitions, if no points result has been obtained on the first day and in five or more matches, fewer than 40 completed overs have been bowled, then for that grade the round will be re-scheduled as a One-Day match under Senior Male One-Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions. Otherwise, the matches in that grade will continue on the second day as per Senior Male Two-Day Playing Conditions.
 - In Senior Male 3rd and 4th Grade Competitions, if no points result has been obtained on the first day and in five or more matches, fewer than 32 completed overs have been bowled, then for that grade the round will be re-scheduled as a One-Day match under Senior Male One-Day (Limited Overs) Playing Conditions. Otherwise, the matches in that grade will continue on the second day as per Senior Male Two-Day Playing Conditions.

5.10 Umpires

- 5.10.1 WA Cricket will appoint umpires to all matches in all Competitions under the responsibility delegated in Rule 2.1.4.
- 5.10.2 WA Cricket will be responsible for the ranking of all umpires under a Terms of Reference agreed to by the WAPCC Management Committee. This Terms of Reference will include the Premier Cricket Umpire Ranking Policy and Umpire Observers Terms of Reference.
- 5.10.3 WA Cricket will provide a monthly report to the WAPCC Management Committee regarding the recruitment, retention, performance and observation of Umpires, and any other matters relevant to Umpiring and/or all Competitions.
- 5.10.4 WA Cricket will appoint Umpire Observers to independently observe and provide feedback on Umpires performances in all Competitions. A WAPCC Management Committee member will be invited to attend any Umpire Observers meetings scheduled by WA Cricket.
- 5.10.5 Umpires will be appointed prior to the commencement of each match by the Umpiring Manager and appointments entered into the OfficialsHQ system.
- 5.10.6 Umpires must wear competition attire approved by the WAPCC, as notified by the Umpiring Manager prior to the commencement of the Season. For 2026-27 season, the Umpire On-Field attire requirements are as follows:

White-Ball Fixtures	Blue unbranded WA Premier Cricket logo On-Field Shirt, Black Pants, Black Umpiring Hat / Black Premier Cricket logo On-Field Cap, Black closed Shoes/Runners & Black On-Field WA Premier Cricket logo Jacket.
Red-Ball Fixtures	Blue unbranded WA Premier Cricket logo On-Field Shirt, Black Pants, White Umpiring Hat / White Premier Cricket logo On-Field Cap, White closed Shoes/Runners & Black On-Field WA Premier Cricket logo Jacket.

- 5.10.7 Umpires shall lodge match reports and fairest and best votes using the OfficialsHQ system no later than 2 days after the conclusion of each match. Match reports must contain the following information:
- The time of commencement and of drawing of stumps of each day of the match and the cause of any variations between those times and the scheduled times for start and close of play;
 - Any infringement of Disciplinary Matters or Code of Conduct;
 - The consistency of the pitch between the first and second days of the match; and
 - Any other remarks or observations the umpire may wish to report.
- 5.10.8 Umpires shall enter fairest and best votes into OfficialsHQ using the Voting Module, unless otherwise directed by the Umpiring Manager appointed by the WAPCC.
- 5.10.9 If an umpire proposes to lodge a complaint against player, Club or official under these Rules, the umpire must:
- notify the player, Club or official of the nature of the complaint within 60 minutes after stumps have been drawn on the day on which the incident occurred; and
 - submit an Umpire Complaint Notification as well as entering the report into the PlayHQ system by no later than 12 noon on Monday following completion of the match in which the offence is alleged to have occurred.
- 5.10.10 If only one appointed umpire is present, that umpire alone shall determine questions of fitness for play of the ground, weather and light (GWL).

5.11 Junior Player Bowling Restrictions

5.11.1 Junior Players competing in all Competitions must comply with these Pace Bowling restrictions and any additional conditions in the respective Playing Conditions.

5.11.2 Pace bowling restrictions for all Junior Players shall be calculated as at 31st August prior to the season. Note that age cuts for player eligibility may be different for age group competitions.

5.11.3 Bowlers who are Junior Players shall be limited to a maximum number of consecutive overs in any one spell and to a maximum daily quota as follows:

	Under 13	Under 15	Under 17	Under 19
Maximum Overs (Pace Bowling)	8 Overs per day	12 Overs per day	16 Overs per day	20 Overs per day
Maximum Spell (Consecutive Overs, Pace Bowling)	4 Overs	5 Overs	6 Overs	6 Overs
Rest Between Spells	Same number of overs from that end (e.g. if 5 overs bowled in a spell, then minimum 5 overs from that same end need to be bowled to deem it as 'rest' to start a fresh spell). However, if there an interval or an interruption in play for 30 minutes or more – 'rest' is served.			

5.11.4 It is the responsibility of the Umpires to calculate the number of overs that may be bowled by a Junior Player, to inform the fielding team when the maximum number of overs has been bowled or this Rule is being breached, and when the relevant rest period has been completed. It is the responsibility of the captains, Junior Players and Umpires to ensure this Rule is complied with.

5.11.5 This Rule applies to any Junior Player playing in any Competition. In any Competition, captains shall advise umpires who is a Junior Player and the number of overs they've already bowled in another Competition on that day, if any.

5.11.6 If this Rule is not complied with, WAPCC may impose a penalty as per Rule 4.16.

5.11.7 In this Rule:

- (a) "Pace Bowler" means any bowler to whom, in the opinion of the umpires, the wicket keeper would normally stand back and "Pace Bowling" has a corresponding meaning. An over of Pace Bowling is any over in which one or more balls of Pace Bowling occur.
- (b) "Slow Bowler" means any bowler to whom, in the opinion of the umpires, the wicket keeper would normally stand up to the wicket and "Slow Bowling" has a corresponding meaning.
- (c) "Spell" means a consecutive period of overs bowled. A bowler who has bowled less than the prescribed number of overs may resume bowling prior to the elapse of 'rest' period of number of overs but this will be considered a continuation of the same bowling spell, and the limit of the prescribed overs in that spell shall still apply. Following the continuation of the spell, the normal requirement for a break of 'same number of overs from the same end' shall apply; a break of less than the same number of overs between the two spells has no effect on the subsequent break being required.
- (d) Rest between spells is deemed to be served if any intervals or breaks are of a duration of 30 minutes or more.

5.12 Procedure for Handing Suspect Bowling Action

5.12.1 As at the date of these Rules, the following Law 21 (No Ball) contained these provisions regarding the role of the arm in a valid delivery:

*For a delivery to be fair in respect of the arm the ball must not be thrown (excerpt from Law 21.2);
and*

A ball is fairly delivered in respect of the arm if, once the bowler's arm has reached the level of the shoulder in the delivery swing, the elbow joint is not straightened partially or completely from that instant until the ball has left the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from flexing or rotating the wrist in the delivery swing (Law 21.2).

5.12.2 In all WAPCC Competitions this Law is modified so that a “no-ball” will only be awarded for a breach of Law 21 if it is considered by the umpire that the bowler deliberately threw the delivery, but not because of doubt about the player's general bowling action for which the player has not received a warning under Rule 5.12.3.

5.12.3 In the interests of the player concerned and WAPCC Competitions, the umpire may issue a warning to the bowler, captain or coach that he considers the bowler's action to be unfair and that the club must undertake remedial work as per WAPCC Suspect Bowling Actions Policy if required. The umpire must also note it on the match report and advise the Competitions Manager(s).

5.13 Running of Drinks

5.13.1 In Junior Male and Junior Female Competitions only, the running of drinks onto the field of play for either team between overs shall only be a member of the playing team. All players must seek approval from the appointed umpire(s) before they request for a drink to be run on to the field of play. This does not apply to a scheduled drinks interval.

5.13.2 For avoidance of doubt;

- (a) a member of the playing team shall be defined as a player listed on the team sheet or a designated sub-fielder; and
- (b) any coach(es) are not defined as members of the playing team.

5.13.3 Failure to adhere to above requirements may result in disciplinary action against the individual as per the code of conduct in Rule 4.3 and the club will be subject to a fine as per Rule 4.16.1 (o).

6. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION FOR COMPETITIONS

6.1 Player Eligibility for Competitions

6.1.1 Players are eligible to play in Senior Male (Rule 2.2.1), Senior Female (Rule 2.2.2) & Junior Female (Rule 2.2.4) Competitions matches if they satisfy the following:

- (a) they satisfy all age and gender eligibility requirements to play in the relevant Competition match (as per Rule 6.2);
- (b) they have satisfied any registration requirements to play for the Club for which they play (as per Rule 6.3), or have obtained a Transfer to change Clubs (Rule 6.4) and/or have obtained a Dispensation (as per Rule 6.6);
- (c) they are eligible to play in the particular Competition match (as per Rule 6.7 and 6.8); and
- (d) they are not disqualified (as per Rule 6.10).

6.1.2 Players are eligible to play in Junior Male (Rule 2.2.3) Competition matches if they satisfy the following:

- (a) they satisfy all age and gender eligibility requirements to play in the relevant Competition match (as per Rule 6.2);
- (b) they have satisfied any registration requirements to play for the Club for which they play (as per Rule 6.3), or have obtained a Transfer to change Clubs (Rules 6.4 & 10.3) and/or have obtained a Dispensation (as per Rule 6.6);
- (c) they are eligible to play in the particular Competition match (as per Rules 6.7 and 6.8); and

- (d) they are not disqualified (as per Rule 6.10).

6.2 Age and Gender Eligibility for Competitions

- 6.2.1 A player must not play or act as a substitute fielder in a Senior Male Competition unless they are at least 14 years old as at 31st August immediately preceding the Season.
- 6.2.2 A player must not play or act as a substitute fielder in a Senior Female Competition unless they are at least 16 years old as at 31st August immediately preceding the Season.
- 6.2.3 A player must not play in a Junior Male Competition cricket match unless they meet the following age-based criteria for the applicable Junior Male Competition on respective dates below immediately preceding the Season:

Competition	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Cut-Off Date
Under 17s (Ted Hussey Shield)	14	16	On 30th June
Under 15s (Tony Mann Shield)	12	14	On 31st August
Under 14s (Graham McKenzie Shield)	11	13	On 31st August
Under 13s (John Inverarity Shield)	10	12	On 31st August

- 6.2.4 A player must not play in a Junior Female Competition cricket match unless they meet the following age-based criteria for the applicable Junior Female Competition on respective dates below immediately preceding the Season:

Competition	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Cut-Off Date
Female Youth League Under 17s	13	16	On 31st August
Female Youth League Under 14s	11	13	On 31st August

- 6.2.5 Players who are playing in a Junior Competition whilst registered with a Club may also play in the Senior Competitions but must comply with pace bowling restrictions in accordance with Rule 5.11.
- 6.2.6 Players participating in the Colts T20 Competition must be less than 21 years of age on 31st August immediately preceding the Season.
- (a) The Country Colts team shall be allowed to select up to two (2) players who are less than 25 years of age but more than 21 years of age on 31st August immediately preceding the Season.
- 6.2.7 All Country XI Players in Male Premier T20 & Colts T20 Competitions shall be Bonafide country-origin players, or as per Competition Manager(s) discretion.
- 6.2.8 Players participating in the Masters Competition must be a minimum of 35 years of age on 31st August immediately preceding the Season.

6.3 Player Registration with a Club using PlayHQ

- 6.3.1 Each season, the Clubs are required to create registration forms via PlayHQ for any relevant Competitions and seek self-registrations from all players via those form links. The season registration date must begin on 1st July in the year preceding the season and shall only last up to 12 months, (no later than 30th June) the following year. This forms set-up & registration process shall only commence once Competition Manager(s) notify Clubs of Season Rollover to the new season.
- 6.3.2 **All clubs must create and have the player registration forms live for all competitions on PlayHQ by 1st July prior to each season.** If the clubs do not set up customised forms for their relevant competitions for player registrations, Competition Manager(s) shall set up generic forms on 30th June to make the registrations live for the following day.

- 6.3.3 A junior player who has not previously played in a Competition shall be eligible to play with any Club they can validly register with pursuant to Rule 10.2 (Junior Male only) or by obtaining a Dispensation under Rule 6.6, or as per any other relevant competition policies.
- 6.3.4 Any new player to the competition or an existing player of a Club that wishes to change Clubs must apply for a Transfer in accordance with Rule 6.4 at the point of self-registration. A Club may also lodge this transfer request, however, self-registration from the player will still be required.
- 6.3.5 To play in any Competition, a person must be registered with a club in the PlayHQ system prior to the team match details being entered into PlayHQ, no later than the scheduled start of the match.
- 6.3.6 Any participant playing in any Premier Cricket competition, shall have their 'primary registration' for PlayHQ under their Premier Club. That is, for any player who plays across multiple entities outside Premier Cricket, they must register at their Premier Club first before Permitting to other clubs/or seek a Transfer to Premier Club if they currently hold a 'primary registration' elsewhere.

6.4 Player Movement and Transfers using PlayHQ

- 6.4.1 A club (**New Club**) cannot play a player who has previously played for another club (**Former Club**) in any Competition unless the Former Club or WAPCC has granted a **Transfer** prior to the player's first game for the New Club.
- 6.4.2 For players within the WA Premier Cricket competitions, an application to a Former Club for a Transfer to play for a New Club must be made in PlayHQ no earlier than 1st July and no later than 5:00pm on 31st January using the following process:
 - (a) The New Club, on behalf of the player, or the player themselves, will make the application for a Transfer to the WAPCC and the Former Club in PlayHQ.
 - (b) No later than 5 days after the Transfer application is lodged in PlayHQ, the Former Club must respond in PlayHQ whether it grants or refuses the Transfer. If the Former Club doesn't respond to the Transfer request within 5 days, the request will be auto-approved in the PlayHQ system at the Former Club level.
 - (c) If the Former Club grants the Transfer, the WAPCC will finalise the player's movement to the new Club in PlayHQ as soon as possible.
 - (d) If the Former Club refuses to grant a Transfer, it shall include in its PlayHQ response the reasons why the Transfer has been refused, including details of why the player is unfinancial under Rule 6.5 (if applicable), and any other reasons that the Club relies upon. WAPCC may request further information using PlayHQ.
 - (e) No later than 10 days after the application for a Transfer was made, or 5 days after the Club notified its refusal (whichever is earlier), the WAPCC will confirm the Former Club's decision to refuse to grant the Transfer, or WAPCC will grant the player a Transfer, in accordance with Rule 6.4.5.
- 6.4.3 For players outside the WA Premier Cricket competitions, an application to a Former Club for a Transfer to play for a New Club must be made in PlayHQ no earlier than 1st July and no later than 5:00pm on 31st January using the following process:
 - (a) The New Club, on behalf of the player, or the player themselves, will make the application for a Transfer to the WAPCC and the Former Club in PlayHQ.
 - (b) No later than 5 days after the Transfer application is lodged in PlayHQ, the Former Club may respond in PlayHQ whether it grants or refuses the Transfer. If the Former Club doesn't respond to the Transfer request within 5 days, the request will be auto-approved in the PlayHQ system at the Former Club level.
 - (c) Once the Former Club grants approval to the transfer, the Former Association will be required to grant approval to the Transfer request from the competition. This may take up to 5 days, after which the Transfer approval will be automatically granted at the Former Association level.
 - (d) If the Former Club & Former Association grant the Transfer, the WAPCC will finalise the player's movement to the new Club in PlayHQ as soon as possible.

- (e) If the Former Club or Former Association refuse to grant a Transfer, it shall include in its PlayHQ response the reasons why the Transfer has been refused, including details of why the player is unfinancial under Rule 6.4 (if applicable), and any other reasons that the Club/Association relies upon. WAPCC may request further information using PlayHQ.
- (f) No later than 15 days after the application for a Transfer was made, or 5 days each after the Club/Association notified its refusal (whichever is earlier), the WAPCC will confirm the Former Club/Association's decision to refuse to grant the Transfer, or WAPCC will grant the player a Transfer, in accordance with Rule 6.4.5.

6.4.4 For the purposes of Rules 6.4.1, 6.4.2 & 6.4.3:

- (a) any financial player who satisfies the Junior Male District Boundary requirements of Rule 10.1.2(b) in respect to the New Club will be granted a Transfer by Competition Manager(s);
- (b) any financial player applying for Transfer to a Club under Rule (b) will be granted Transfer by WAPCC; and
- (c) the WAPCC will apply Rule 6.5 and make use of Rule 2.5.7 list of un-financial members provided by Clubs.

6.4.5 Where a Transfer has been refused by the Former Club under Rule 6.4.2(d) or 6.4.3(e), WAPCC will enquire into the reasons, and decide whether it will grant the Transfer applying these principles:

- (a) The main principle to be applied is one of fairness to both the player and the Club from which he/she requires to be transferred.
- (b) Fairness, considered from the player's point of view, means a consideration of what the player considers is best for him/her. If the application is made after the start of the Season, the player must also take into consideration that they have registered with the Club for all practical purposes to play for that Club for that Season and a Transfer will only be granted in special circumstances, being circumstances which are considered by the WAPCC to be unusual, exceptional or atypical.
- (c) Fairness to the Club should take into account that the player has agreed to play for that club for the Season upon agreeing to register with the Club for that Season only, and the Club has an expectation that the player will play the entire season for that Club.
- (d) If a doubt exists, then the benefit of that doubt should be given to the Club.

6.5 Unfinancial Members

- 6.5.1 No member of a Club who leaves such Club to join another Club shall be eligible to play in any Competition, until they are financially clear of the Club of which they were originally a member.
- 6.5.2 No player who has been playing in the competition of another cricket association affiliated with the WA Cricket shall be eligible to play in any Competition until they satisfy the Council that they are financially clear of such an affiliated association.
- 6.5.3 A player shall be deemed to be financially clear of a Club if, up to the time of leaving the Club, they have paid their annual subscription, special levies in the nature of subscription, wicket fees, and any debt or penalty validly imposed by the Club in accordance with the rules thereof. The final decision on eligibility shall be left to the discretion of the Council.

6.6 Player Dispensations in PlayHQ

- 6.6.1 To play in a Competition a player must be registered in accordance with the General Rules or obtain a Dispensation from the WAPCC under this Rule. Applications for a Dispensation must be made via the WA Premier Cricket website in the period from 1st July to 5:00pm on 31st January of the Season.
- 6.6.2 Overseas Players must obtain a one-year Dispensation from the WAPCC to play in the WAPCC Competitions (**Overseas Dispensation**). The Dispensation is to be obtained from the WAPCC by making an application via the WA Premier Cricket website and will expire at the end of the Season to which the Dispensation applies, unless terminated earlier with the consent of the Club. At the expiry or termination of

the Overseas Dispensation, the player will remain registered with the same Club, and require a Transfer under Rule 6.4 to change Clubs.

- 6.6.3 A resident of the State of Western Australia who does not satisfy any of the requirements in Rule 10.2 for a Club they want to play for in the Junior Male Competition must obtain a Dispensation (**Residential Dispensation**) from the WAPCC to play for a Club.
- 6.6.4 The WAPCC will process an application for a Dispensation within 7 days of it being lodged via the WA Premier Cricket website. A WAPCC decision on a Dispensation application is final unless withdrawn by the WAPCC and there is no right of appeal to the Tribunal.
- 6.6.5 The Competition Manager(s) may advise Clubs of eligibility for any female players aged less than 16 years old at 31 August to play in a Senior Female Competition. The dispensation cannot be applied for. If a player is found to have played in breach of this Rule then the club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.
- 6.6.6 No Dispensations will be granted to any Junior Male Players who do not meet minimum age eligibility criteria for Senior Male competitions.
- 6.6.7 No Dispensations will be granted to any Junior Male or Junior Female players who do not meet age eligibility criterion for their respective Junior Competitions.

6.7 Movement of Players Between Senior Competition Grades

- 6.7.1 Unless the Competition Manager(s) otherwise approves, no player who has played in any grade of the Senior Male Competition in eight (8) or more matches shall be allowed to play in a lower grade of the Senior Male Competition match during the remainder of the Season. Applications for a Player Movement must be made via the WA Premier Cricket website prior to 12:00pm on Friday preceding the match.

For example: no player who has played with the first grade in eight (8) or more matches shall be allowed to play in a 2nd grade or lower Senior Grade Competition match during the remainder of the Season.

- 6.7.2 Except with the prior written permission of the Competition Manager(s), a Club shall not play a player in a grade of the Senior Male Competition that is more than one grade below the highest grade in which that player has played in that season. The procedure for obtaining a player movement approval shall be by the same means as in Rule 6.7.1.
- 6.7.3 Except with the prior written permission of the Competition Manager(s), a player playing in one grade in a set of fixtures for the Senior Male Competition shall not play in another grade of the Senior Male Competition in the course of the same set of fixtures. The procedure for obtaining a player movement approval shall be by the same means as in Rule 6.7.1.
- 6.7.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the above restrictions do not apply to any Competition other than the Senior Male Competition and are separate to any requirements for finals eligibility as per Rule 6.8.
- 6.7.5 Unless the Competition Manager(s) otherwise approves, no player who has played with any grade of the Senior Female Competition in five (5) or more matches shall be allowed to play in a lower grade of the Senior Female Competition match during the remainder of the Season.

For example: no player who has played with the A Grade 50 Over Competition in five (5) or more matches shall be allowed to play in the B Grade 40 Over Competition or lower Senior Grade Competition match during the remainder of the Season.

- 6.7.6 Unless the Competition Manager(s) otherwise approves, a player who holds a professional contract in an Australian Domestic Cricket Competition (or Australian National Contract) is only eligible to play in the Female A Grade One-Day and Female A Grade T20 Competitions. If a player is found to have played in breach of this Rule then the club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.

- 6.7.7 When a Club's Senior Female team has a fixtured 'Bye' or 'Forfeit' in a higher grade and three (3) or more higher-grade players are selected to play in a lower grade, no more than two (2) of them are permitted to return to the higher grade after playing one match in the lower grade. The remaining players may be promoted after having played at least two matches in the lower grade. If a player is found to have played in breach of this Rule then the club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.
- 6.7.8 Should any competition fixtures be played concurrently, no player shall be allowed to be selected in both matches at simultaneously. If a player is found to have played in breach of this Rule then the club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.

6.8 Eligibility for Finals

- 6.8.1 Subject to the below table, a player must meet the following criteria to be eligible to play in a Finals match:

Grade	Qualification
Senior Male Competition	5 Matches in that Grade, or a cumulative total of 5 matches across that Grade and/or any lower Grades
Senior Male One-Day League Competition	3 Matches in that Grade, or a cumulative total of 3 matches across that Grade and/or any lower Grades
Male T20 Competitions (Premier T20 & Colts T20)	Player must be registered with the Club on or before the conclusion date of the Home & Away matches
Female A & B Grade One-Day	3 matches in that Grade or 3 matches in a lower grade
Female A & B Grade T20	3 matches in that Grade or 3 matches in a lower grade
Junior Male Competitions	3 Matches in that Age Group or 3 Matches in a lower Age Group.
Female Youth League Under 17s One-Day	3 Matches in that Age Group.
Female Youth League Under 17s & Under 14s T20	3 Matches in that Age Group or 3 Matches in a lower Age Group.

- (a) one-day and two-day matches played in Senior Male Competition will count toward finals eligibility for both the Senior Male Competition and the Senior Male One-Day League (Limited Overs) Competition;
- (b) if a club has multiple teams in consecutive grades in the Finals, the higher-grade players may obtain a Dispensation to play in the next consecutive lower grade. However, this Dispensation shall no longer apply should the higher corresponding grade team be knocked out at any point of Finals; and
- (c) eligibility for Finals shall be subject to Rule 6.7.1.
- (d) Should a fixture be abandoned for any reason, a team selected in PlayHQ prior to the scheduled start time of the fixture will have the game credited as a match played for relevant players for the purposes of qualification as per the table above. This will not be the case for any selections updated retrospectively after the start time of the fixture.
- (e) For a fixture that is forfeited as per Rule 5.2, the team that forfeited the fixture will not have the game credited for any players selected in PlayHQ for that particular fixture.

6.9 Penalty for Ineligible or Disqualified Players

- 6.9.1 If the WAPCC is satisfied on complaint to the WAPCC that a Club has played a player that is ineligible or disqualified, Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.

6.10 Player Disqualification

- 6.10.1 A player that is serving a suspension or disqualification to play issued by the WAPCC, the Tribunal, Cricket Australia or any affiliated association of WA Cricket or Cricket Australia is automatically disqualified from participation in all Competitions for the duration of that suspension or disqualification, unless otherwise determined by WAPCC.

- 6.10.2 If the WAPCC is satisfied on complaint to the WAPCC that a Club has played a player that is unqualified or disqualified, despite being registered to play on the PlayHQ system, the Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.

7. CLUB FACILITIES

7.1 Turf Pitches

7.1.1 Clubs must provide the following facilities:

- (a) Two turf pitches and playing areas of standard and size, clubhouse, change rooms and sightscreens approved by the WAPCC.
- (b) If a Club has more than one team in any Competition, an additional turf pitch, changes rooms and playing areas of standard size to accommodate any additional teams.

7.1.2 Clubs must provide a scoreboard (electronic or otherwise) complying with the following unless approval from the WAPCC is obtained:

- (a) the scoreboard must indicate number of wickets fallen, number of overs completed and total score with digits 230mm high; and
- (b) the scoreboard for first grade Senior Competition matches must display the names of the two batters at the crease, either electronically or by providing attachments for name plates with letters that are 200mm high and with digits 150mm high.

7.1.3 Clubs must provide and (when required by WAPCC or when necessary to protect its turf pitches from weather conditions) use covers for the entire area of all of the turf pitches in their turf pitch blocks (including the turf pitches to be used, or being used, in a fixture and all other turf pitches not currently in use) and provide accessibility to covers for use prior to and during any match day. Failure to comply with this Rule will see Club liable to a fine and/or match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.

7.1.4 For Male First Grade, and for any other competitions requested by the WAPCC, Clubs shall provide operators for the home ground scoreboard, updating the score at least at the end of each over.

7.1.5 Clubs may, at their option, provide name plates for all players in the Club's team that are 200mm high and with digits 150mm high, for use with any scoreboard at the home ground where the match is played.

7.1.6 At grounds on match days Clubs shall provide before the start of play on each day of a match:

- (a) bowlers' markers;
- (b) crease marking materials to the satisfaction of the umpires;
- (c) a set of stumps and correct crease markings;
- (d) for first and second grade matches in the Senior Competition, a sightscreen; and
- (e) for applicable matches, the use of the Duckworth/Lewis Score Calculation System.

7.1.7 Sightscreens will be white for all Competitions unless the Competition uses a white ball in which case they shall be black or covered by black material, or as otherwise directed by WAPCC.

7.1.8 Clubs are encouraged to sweep and remark the crease markings at scheduled intervals within a day's play.

7.1.9 Clubs that are required by WAPCC to host a match shall provide the use of the ground free of charge to the Clubs participating in the match.

7.1.10 A Club that is unable to provide a ground for a WAPCC match will be required to bear the costs, if any, of hire of the ground on which the match is to be played.

7.1.11 Umpires shall report to the WAPCC if a club fails to meet any of the requirements of this Rule.

8. CLUB COLOURS AND PLAYER CLOTHING

8.1 Standard Cricket Attire

8.1.1 Unless the playing conditions for a particular match format specify otherwise players shall wear:

- (a) standard Cricket Clothing that complies with these Rules;
- (b) caps and helmets that are in Club colours or white; and
- (c) spiked footwear.

8.1.2 A Club may have a club or sponsor's logo on their playing shirts as per following specifications, with prior approval from the WAPCC:

Position	Logo Type	Size
Right Sleeve	Single Sponsor's Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Left Sleeve	Single Sponsor's Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Right Chest	Competition Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Left Chest	Club Logo only	70mm height; 70mm width
Front Abdomen	Single Sponsor's Logo only	150mm height; 350mm width
Back	Single Sponsor's Logo only	150mm height; 350mm width

8.1.3 No existing Club may change its playing uniforms without prior written approval from the Competition Manager(s). A Club must submit any change to its uniform to the Competition Manager(s) for approval.

8.1.4 The WAPCC will give priority to clubs that have previously registered club colours, in event of any conflict.

8.1.5 No Player may take part in any match except in the registered uniform of their Club that has been approved by WAPCC, for the particular Competition concerned.

8.1.6 Players are allowed to have a playing number on the back of a playing shirt, white or coloured. The size of the number must be between 250mm and 350mm in height and each number must be 40mm in width. Playing numbers may only be one or two digits (1-99).

8.1.7 Players are allowed to have their name on the back of a playing shirt, provided the name is between 60mm and 75mm in height and must correctly identify the name of the player (i.e. not a nickname).

9. PLAYER POINTS CAP

9.1 Player Points Cap

9.1.1 All teams in the Senior Male 1st Grade Competition (being Senior Male 1st Grade and the One-Day League Competition) (**1st Grade Competitions**) must comply with the Player Points Cap as set out in this Rule 9 of the General Rules. If a Club plays a team that is in breach of the Player Points Cap the Club is liable to a fine and loss of match points as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.

9.1.2 The Player Points Cap is 25 points per team in a 1st Grade Competition match.

9.1.3 A Player who is not an Overseas Player and has made his 1st Grade debut while playing at a Premier Club shall attract one point when playing for that Club.

9.1.4 A Player who is not an Overseas Player and has made his 1st Grade debut while playing at a particular Premier Club (or at an interstate Premier Club wherever in Australia) and has moved to another Premier Club (**the Other Club**) shall attract one (1) point when playing for the Other Club, provided he has not played more than 5 games for a Premier Club in a 1st Grade Competition (wherever in Australia) at the time that he moved to the Other Club. Otherwise, the Player's points value while playing at the Other Club shall be determined as set out in accordance with the remaining rules of this Rule 9.1.

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The following descriptions, except for the one (1) point value category set out above, apply to Players moving to a Club with that status, and the relevant point value shall apply to that Player at that Club.

Player Points Table

Category	Pts	Category	Pts	Category	Pts
Players from other Countries		Players from Interstate		Players from other PC's	
Current Players		Current Players		Current Players	
Test	10	Test	9	Test	8
One-Day International	9	One-Day International (for a Test Playing Country)	8	One-Day International (for a Test Playing Country)	7
T20 International	8	T20 International (for a Test Playing Country)	7	T20 International (for a Test Playing Country)	6
First Class	8	First Class	7	First Class	6
One-Day Domestic	7	One-Day Domestic	6	One-Day Domestic	5
Domestic T20 (inc. Big Bash)	6	Aus. Resident who has played international cricket (ODI or T20) for a Non-Test Playing Country	6	Aus. Resident who has played international cricket (ODI or T20) for a Non-Test Playing Country	5
One-Day International Affiliate	5	Domestic T20 (inc. Big Bash)	5	Domestic T20 (inc. Big Bash)	4
Other – Non-First Class	4	Premier Grade 100+ Games	6	Premier Grade 100+ Games	5
		Premier Grade 51-100 Games	5	Premier Grade 51-100 Games	4
		Premier Grade 21-50 Games	4	Premier Grade 21-50 Games	3
		Premier Grade 6-20 Games	3	Premier Grade 6-20 Games	2
		Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*	Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*
		Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1	Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1
Former Players		Former Players		Former Players	
Test	8	Test	6	Test	5
One-Day International	7	One-Day International	5	One-Day International	4
T20 International	6	T20 International	4	T20 International	3
First Class	6	First Class	5	First Class	4
One-Day Domestic	5	One-Day Domestic	4	One-Day Domestic	3
Domestic T20 (incl. Big Bash)	4	Aus. Resident who has played international cricket (ODI or T20) for a Non-Test Playing Country	4	Aus. Resident who has played international cricket (ODI or T20) for a Non-Test Playing Country	4
One-Day International Affiliate	4	Domestic T20 (incl. Big Bash)	3	Domestic T20 (incl. Big Bash)	2
Other – Non-First Class	1	Premier Grade 100+ Games	4	Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*
		Premier Grade 51-100 Games	4	Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1
		Premier Grade 21-50 Games	3		
		Premier Grade 6-20 Games	2		
		Returning to Immediate Past Premier Club	*		
		Returning to Premier Club of Origin	1		

“ * ” indicates that the player attracts the same number of points as he had, or would have had, before leaving the club

Definitions

Current Player: a Player who has played at the level described within the past two years dating back from 1 October of the current season.

Former Player: a Player who has not played at the level described during the past two years dating back from 1 October of the current seasons.

Original Club: the Club for which a Player made his 1st Grade debut.

- 9.1.5 Where a Player's points value at a Club is three or more, the Player's points value while playing at that Club shall reduce by one point for each consecutive season of service at that Club to a minimum of two points.
- 9.1.6 A Player who moves clubs and remains at the Club he transferred to for five consecutive seasons shall have a one-point value in the subsequent season.
- 9.1.7 A Player who moves clubs (other than to a club that the Player has previously played for) and fits into more than one category is deemed to be in the category which attracts the most points.
- 9.1.8 A Player, other than an Overseas Player, who moves to University Cricket Club who satisfies any of the criteria set out in Rule 9.1.11 and has played less than 15 1st Grade games with any Premier Club at the time that the player moves to University Cricket Club, shall have a one point value when playing for the University Cricket Club.
- 9.1.9 A Replacement Player shall be deemed to have the same point value as the Player he replaces in a match.
- 9.1.10 The Management Committee shall be the final arbiter in the determination of a Player's point value. A Club may apply to the Management Committee for special consideration where the Club believes exceptional circumstances apply.
- 9.1.11 The criteria for the purposes of Rule 9.1.8 are that a Player must be either:
- (a) an Undergraduate student, Post-graduate student, Graduate or staff member of the University of Western Australia (which shall include full and part-time students and members of academic staff); or
 - (b) an Undergraduate student, Post-graduate student, Graduate or staff member of Murdoch University, Curtin University of Technology, Edith Cowan University or Notre Dame University (which shall include full and part-time students and members of academic staff); or
 - (c) an Undergraduate student, Post-graduate student, Graduate or staff member of any university or body (other than those set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) above) specified as a Table A provider or a Table B provider (as amended from time to time) under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 – C102 (Cth); or
 - (d) a financial playing member of a University Cricket Club in another State of Australia in the immediately preceding season).
- 9.1.12 Any non-Australian citizen or permanent resident that is classed as a 'Local Player' in the definitions under 1.1.1(o), shall attract the same Player Points as defined under the 'Players from other Countries' category in Rule 9.1.4 above.

10. JUNIOR MALE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**10.1 Junior Male Player Registration Requirements**

- 10.1.1 To register to play with a Club in the Junior Male Competition without a Dispensation, a player must satisfy the requirements in Rule 10.1.2 and, if necessary, comply with Rule 6.4.
- 10.1.2 A player can only register with the Club stated in the third column of the following table if they can satisfy the requirements in the 2nd and 3rd columns for any one or more categories (a) to (c):

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Category	Last Season, played for (without Dispensation unless stated otherwise):	Registering this Season with:
(a)	a Club in the Junior Male Competition	The same Club
(b)	No Club OR Any Club in the Junior Male Competition	Club located in the same District in Western Australia in which they have resided for 9 consecutive months (regardless of the Club last played for) OR Any Club that shares a common boundary with the Club located in the same District in Western Australia in which they have resided for 9 consecutive months (regardless of the Club last played for) referred to in Rule 10.3.1.
(c)	a non-Premier Club outside the Junior Male District Boundaries assigned to Clubs as per Rule 10.4	Any Club.

10.1.3 For the purposes of Rule 10.1.2 (b):

- (a) the place of residence must be a bona fide home, and merely acquiring a rental address for the duration of the cricket season is not by itself sufficient; and
- (b) a player of a Club not playing under an Overseas Dispensation is entitled to treat any consecutive period of time they were resident overseas since the beginning of last Season for the purposes of playing cricket as if it was an uninterrupted period of residence at the player's Western Australian residence at the time of departure.

10.2 Club Duties Regarding Registrations for Junior Male Players

10.2.1 It is the responsibility of each Club to show that all players for the current Season are validly registered by providing the Competitions Manager(s) with an up to date list, one month prior to the Season and updated as often as necessary, listing all their registered players and whether they are a registered or an approved player. Failure of a Club to reasonably comply with this Rule will see the club liable to a fine as an infringement to which Rule 4.16 applies.

10.3 Junior Male Premier Common Boundary Clubs

10.3.1 For the purpose of this Rule 10, the following are the Premier-representative Clubs (excluding University), listed with their common boundary Clubs:

Premier Club	Common boundary Clubs
Bayswater-Morley (BM)	MG, WA, ML
Claremont-Nedlands (CN)	FR, SF, ML
Fremantle (FR)	RM, CN, ME, WI
Gosnells (GO)	PE, SP, WI
Joondalup (JO)	WA, SC
Melville (ME)	SP, WI, FR
Midland-Guildford (MG)	PE, BM
Mount Lawley (ML)	CN, SF, BM, WA, SC
Perth (PE)	MG, GO, SP
Rockingham-Mandurah (RM)	FR, WI
Scarborough (SC)	SF, ML, WA, JO
South Perth (SP)	PE, GO, WI, ME
Subiaco-Floreat (SF)	CN, ML, SC
Wanneroo (WA)	BM, ML, SC, JO
Willetton (WI)	GO, SP, ME, RM, FR

10.4 Junior Male District Boundaries

10.4.1 For the purpose of this Rule 10, the boundaries for each Premier Club (other than University Cricket Club) are as follows:

BAYSWATER-MORLEY – bounded by the Swan River, Bennett Brook, the projection of Morley Drive East, Lord Street, Benara Road, Bennett Street, Patricia Road, Lord Street, Gibson Way, Victoria Road, Beechboro Road, Woolcott Avenue, Hepburn Avenue, Alexander Drive, Widgee Road, Bunya Street, Wellington Road, Smith Street, Light Street, Walter Road West, Salisbury Street, Kenilworth Street, Darby Street and its projection to the Swan River.

CLAREMONT-NEDLANDS - bounded by the Swan River, west along the railway line, Lonnie Street, Selby Street, Underwood Avenue to Brookdale Street, the northern boundary of Mt Claremont, the western projection of the northern boundary of Mt Claremont to the intersection of the northern projection of Adderley Street, the northern projection of Adderley Street to the intersection of the eastern projection of Fortview Road, the eastern projection of Fortview Road, Fortview Road, the western projection of Fortview Road, the north eastern and northern boundaries of Swanbourne to the Indian Ocean, the coastline southwards to the projection of McCabe Street, McCabe Street to Palmerston Street to the Swan River.

FREMANTLE - (Includes Rottnest Island), bounded by the Indian Ocean, the southern boundary of the City of Cockburn, the southern boundary of Henderson, the southern boundary of Wattleup, the southern and eastern boundaries of Banjup, Armadale Road, Beeliar Drive, North Lake road, the southern and western boundaries of Kardinya, the southern and western boundaries of Willagee, the southern and western boundaries of Palmyra, the western boundary of Bicton to the Swan River, the Swan River to the projection of Palmerston Street (Mosman Park), Palmerston Street, McCabe Street and its projection to the Indian Ocean.

GOSNELLS - commencing at the junction of Nicholson Road and Canning River, Nicholson Road, Ranford Road, Allen Road, Lakeview Road and its projection to the northern boundary of Westfield, the northern boundary of Westfield, Armadale Railway line, Westfield Road, Cammilo Road, Third Avenue, Champion Drive, Armadale Railway line, Pearson Street, Spencer Road, Kembla Street, Schruth Street, Lindley Avenue, Flinn Avenue, Lilian Avenue, Albany Highway, Ecko Road, Salter Road, Paterson Road, Canns Road, Carradine Road, Albany Highway, the scheme boundary of the metropolitan area, the southern boundary of Pickering Brook, the southern and western boundaries of Canning Mills, the eastern and northern boundaries of Orange Grove, Tonkin Highway, Boundary Road, Bickley Road, Wanaping Road, Royal Street, Canning River to start point.

JOONDALUP - bounded by the Indian Ocean, the western projection of Whitfords Avenue, Whitfords Avenue, Mitchell Freeway, Ocean Reef Road to the western perimeter of Lake Joondalup to the western projection of Clarkson Avenue, east along Clarkson Avenue, Pinjar Road, Neaves Road, the eastern boundary of Pinjar, the eastern and northern boundaries of Yanchep, the northern boundary of Two Rocks to the Indian Ocean.

MELVILLE - commencing at the Swan River, Petra Street, the western and southern boundaries of Palmyra, the southern boundary of Willagee, the western and southern boundaries of Kardinya, North Lake Road, Beeliar Drive, Armadale Road, Warton Road, Nicholson Road, Acourt Road, Johnston Road, Clifton Road, Roe Highway, South Street, Kwinana Freeway, Leach Highway, Bull Creek, Canning River, Swan River.

MIDLAND-GUILDFORD - commencing at the junction of the Swan River and the north western projection of Kidman Avenue, Kidman Avenue, Great Eastern Highway, Kalamunda Road, Railway line, Maida Vale Road, Hawtin Road, Maud Road, Holmes Road, Norwood Road, West Terrace, the western and southern boundaries of Kalamunda, Mundaring Weir Road, the south western and eastern boundaries of Sawyers Valley, the southern and eastern boundaries of Malmalling, the eastern boundary of The Lakes, the eastern boundary of Wooroloo, the eastern and northern boundaries of Bailup, the north eastern boundary of Gidgegannup, the northern and western boundary of Bullsbrook, the western boundary of Lexia, the western and southern boundary of Cullacabardee, Beechboro Road North, Victoria Road and its projection to Gibson Way, Lord Street, Patricia Road and its projection to Bennett Street, Benara Road, Lord Street, the south western boundary of Caversham and the Swan River.

MOUNT LAWLEY –bounded by the Swan River, a direct line to the beginning of Darby Street, Kenilworth Street, in a direct line to Walter Road West, Light Street, Smith Street, Wellington Road, Bunya Street, Widgee Road, Alexander Drive, Beach Road, Wanneroo Road, Reid Highway, Mitchell Freeway, Loftus Street and the railway line to the Swan River.

PERTH - commencing at the Causeway, Albany Highway, Nicholson Road, Canning River, Royal Street, Kenwick Road, Wanaping Road, Bickley Road, Boundary Road, Tonkin Highway, south western boundary of Wattle Grove, south western boundary of Lesmurdie, western and southern boundaries of Canning Mills, southern and eastern boundaries of Pickering Brook, eastern boundary of Reservoir, Mundaring Weir Road, the southern and western boundaries of Kalamunda, West Terrace, Norwood Road, Holmes Road, Maud Road, Hawtin Road, Maida Vale Road, Railway line, Kalamunda Road, Great Eastern Highway, Kidman Avenue and its projection to the Swan River.

ROCKINGHAM-MANDURAH – the northern boundary of the City of Kwinana, the northern boundary of Naval Base, the northern boundary of Hope Valley, the northern boundary of Mandogalup, the northern and eastern boundaries of Wandi, the eastern boundary of Anketell, the eastern boundary of Casuarina, the eastern boundary of Wellard, the eastern boundary of Baldivis, the eastern and southern boundaries of Karnup, the eastern boundary of Lakelands, the eastern boundary of Parklands, the eastern boundary of Greenfields, the eastern and southern boundaries of Coodanup, the southern boundary of Dudley Park, the south eastern boundary of Erskine, the south eastern boundary of Falcon, the south eastern boundary of Wannanup, the eastern boundary of Dawesville, the eastern boundary of Bouvard, the eastern and southern boundaries of Herron.

SCARBOROUGH - bounded by the Indian Ocean, the western projection of Whitfords Avenue, Whitfords Avenue, Mitchell Freeway, the eastern projection of Porter Street, Porter Street, the western projection of Porter Street to Pascoe Street, Pascoe Street, Finnerty Street, Huntriss Road, Ewen Street, Brighton Road and its projection to the coast.

SOUTH PERTH - commencing at the Causeway, Albany Highway, Nicholson Road, High Road, Leach Highway, Bull Creek, Canning River, Swan River.

SUBIACO-FLOREAT - bounded by the Indian Ocean, the projection of Brighton Road, Brighton Road, Ewen Street, Huntriss Road, Finnerty Street, Pascoe Street, the projection of Porter Street from Pascoe Street, Porter Street and its projection, Mitchell Freeway, Loftus Street, the Railway Line, Lonnie Street, Selby Street, Underwood Avenue, Brookdale Street, the southern boundary of Floreat, the western projection of the southern boundary of Floreat to the intersection of the northern projection of Adderley Street, the northern projection of Adderley Street to the intersection of the eastern projection of Fortview Road, the eastern projection of Fortview Road, Fortview Road, the western projection of Fortview Road, the north eastern and northern boundaries of Swanbourne to the coast.

WANNEROO - commencing at the junction of Reid Highway and the Mitchell Freeway, Mitchell Freeway, Ocean Reef Road to the western perimeter of Lake Joondalup to the western projection of Clarkson Avenue, east along Clarkson Avenue, Pinjar Road, Neaves Road, the eastern boundary of Mariginiup, the eastern boundary of Jandabup, the eastern boundary of Gngangara, the eastern boundary of Lansdale, the eastern boundary of Alexander Heights, the eastern and southern boundaries of Koondoola, the southern boundary of Girrawheen, Wanneroo Road and Reid Highway back to the junction with the Mitchell Freeway.

WILLETTON - commencing at the junction of Leach Highway and Kwinana Freeway, Kwinana Freeway, South Street, Roe Highway alignment, Clifton Road, Johnston Road, Acourt Road, Nicholson Road, Warton Road, western boundary of Forrestdale, western boundary of Oakford, western boundary of Oldbury, western boundary of Mardella, western boundary of Hopeland, western and southern boundaries of Keysbrook, eastern boundary of Jarrahdale, Albany Highway, Carradine Road, Canns Road, Paterson Road, Salter Road, Ecko Road, Albany Highway, Lilian Avenue, Flinn Avenue, Lindley Avenue, Schruth Street, Kembla Street, Spencer Road, Pearson Street, Railway line, Champion Drive, Gillam Drive and its projection to Third Avenue, Third Avenue, Cammilo Road, Westfield Road, Railway line, the northern boundary of Westfield, north eastern projection of Lakeview Terrace, Lakeview Terrace, Allen Road, Ranford Road, Nicholson Road, High Road, Leach Highway.

11. MATCH AND COMPETITION RESULTS, LADDERS, FINALS & AWARDS

11.1 Scoring and PlayHQ Score Entry

- 11.1.1 All Clubs will be required to use the PlayHQ live scoring system for all competitions, or as otherwise directed by Competitions Manager(s).

11.1.2 All teams are required to enter teams into the PlayHQ match data prior to the start of the match in each round as per Rule 5.3.2, and to enter approved replacement players as soon as possible after a replacement is made.

11.1.3 Scorers should record the following information:

- (a) the name and age of any under-age player competing in a Senior Competition match; and
- (b) the number of overs any under-age player has already completed in a Junior Competition match on the same day.

11.1.4 Full Match Scores must be entered via PlayHQ by 7:00pm that day.

11.2 Post-Match Reports

11.2.1 Both Club captains must submit and confirm match details and a Captain's Report by the Monday 5:00pm following the match, using the OfficialsHQ system. Reports are required for every match where play has commenced, even though a result may not have been achieved.

11.2.2 Clubs that have not complied with this Rule and then the failure continues for more than 24 hours after the Council demands entry of the match reports, will be ineligible to receive points for the match until it is complied with. If match results are not entered before the next fixture in the Competition the Council may refuse to allow the team to be awarded points for the match.

11.3 Ladders

11.3.1 Ladders for each Competition shall be calculated in PlayHQ by setting the points system equal to the points designated in the relevant Competition Rules for win, draw, tie or loss.

11.3.2 In the Senior Male Competition, all points gained from any match format played will count toward the rankings in each grade.

11.3.3 In the Senior Male 1st Grade Competition, a separate one-day match ladder will contain the points derived from the one-day matches designated by the WAPCC (exclusive of any rounds played pursuant to Rule 5.8). The top four ranked teams in the ladder of the Senior Male One-Day League Competition will play in the semi-final for that competition.

11.3.4 To determine the ranking of teams otherwise equal on points, in Ladder setup in the PlayHQ system, the following PlayHQ quotient calculation will be selected for Senior Male Grades (excluding Senior Male One-Day League, Premier T20 and Colts T20 Ladders):

(Total runs scored / total wickets lost)

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(total number of runs scored against / total number of wickets taken)

11.3.5 To determine the ranking of teams otherwise equal on points in Senior Female Competitions, Junior Female Competitions, Senior Male One-Day League, Premier T20, Colts T20 and all Junior Male Competitions, in Ladder setup in the PlayHQ system, Net Run Rate will be used.

- (a) A team's Net Run Rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition.
- (b) In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it was entitled to and not on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

11.4 Club Championships

11.4.1 Senior Male Club championship points will be awarded to each Club during the Home & Away rounds, based on the points earned in each of the four Senior Male Competition grades, multiplied by these weighting factors:

- (a) First Grade: 6
- (b) Second Grade: 4
- (c) Third Grade: 3
- (d) Fourth Grade: 2

11.4.2 Senior Female Club championship points will be awarded to each Club during the Home & Away rounds, based on the points earned in each of the two Senior Female Competition grades, multiplied by these weighting factors:

- (a) A Grade One-Day: 6
- (b) B Grade One-Day: 4
- (c) A Grade T20: 4
- (d) B Grade T20: 3

11.4.3 Club Championship points will be calculated automatically using the PlayHQ system, based on the same match points used for the calculation of the Ladders.

11.4.4 The Club with the most points at the end of the Home & Away rounds in a Season, calculated in accordance with this Rule, will be named the Champion Club (Male or Female). In the event of a tie, the Champion Club will be decided by the team with the most wins in the highest grade of the respective Senior Competition, and if necessary, reference will be made to the number of wins by the tied Clubs in successive lower grades in the respective Senior Competition to determine the winner.

11.5 Finals

11.5.1 Unless otherwise advised by the Competitions Manager(s), the Senior Male Competition and Junior Male Competition (Under 15s/Under 17s) finals will be played:

- (a) in three rounds: elimination final, semi-final and final;
- (b) matches will, where possible, be fixtured to be played at the home ground of the higher ranked teams, who will be responsible for the provision of amenities and catering;
- (c) except in the Final where grounds will be pre-determined; and
- (d) fixtures will be based on team rankings in Ladders at the end of the Home & Away rounds as follows:

Elimination Final

1st v 6th

2nd v 5th

3rd v 4th

The two lowest-ranked losing teams are eliminated and then the Elimination final rankings determine the Semi-Final fixtures.

The Semi-Final

1st v 4th (SF1)

2nd v 3rd (SF2)

unless in the Elimination Final 6th beat 1st in which case the Semi-Final draw is:

1st v 3rd (SF1)

2nd v 4th (SF2)

Final: Winner SF1 v Winner SF2

11.5.2 If there is Tie or a Draw/No Result, the side finishing higher on the ladder shall be declared the winner.

11.5.3 In the Final, an Outright Tie will mean both sides are declared joint Premiers.

11.5.4 Unless otherwise advised by the Competitions Manager(s), the Senior Male One-Day Competition and Junior Male Competition (Under 13s/Under 14s) finals will be played:

- (a) In two rounds: Semi Final and Final;
- (b) matches will, where possible, be fixtured to be played at the home ground of the higher ranked teams, who will be responsible for the provision of amenities and catering;
- (c) except in the Final where grounds will be pre-determined; and
- (d) fixtures will be based on team rankings in Ladders at the end of Home & Away rounds as follows:

Senior Male One-Day League

Semi Final

1st v 4th

2nd v 3rd

Final

Winner SF1 v Winner SF 2

Junior Male Competition (Under 13s/Under 14s)

Semi Final

1st North v 2nd South

1st South v 2nd North

Final

Winner SF1 v Winner SF 2

11.5.5 Unless otherwise advised by the Competitions Manager(s), Premier T20 and Colts T20 finals will be played:

- (a) In three rounds: Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final;
- (b) Matches will, where possible, be fixtured to be played at the home ground of the higher ranked team, who may be required to host and additional final, who will be responsible for the provision of amenities and catering;
- (c) Except in the Final where grounds will be pre-determined; and
- (d) Fixtures will be based on team rankings in Ladders at the end of Home & Away rounds as follows:
- (e) Top 2 teams from each pool will be ranked 1-8 based on overall points and NRR:

Qualifying Round

1st v 8th (QF1)

2nd v 7th (QF2)

3rd v 6th (QF3)

4th v 5th (QF4)

Semi Final Round

Winner of QF1 v Winner of QF4 (SF1)

Winner of QF2 v Winner of QF3 (SF2)

Final

Winner SF1 v Winner SF 2

11.5.6 Unless otherwise advised by the Competitions Manager(s), all Senior Female and all Junior Female Competitions finals will be played:

- (a) In two rounds: semi-final and final;
- (b) matches will, where possible, be fixtured to be played at the home ground of the higher ranked teams, who will be responsible for the provision of amenities and catering;
- (c) except in the Final where grounds will be pre-determined; and
- (d) fixtures will be based on team rankings in Ladders at the end of Home & Away rounds as follows:

Senior Female Competitions

Semi Final

2nd v 3rd

Final

1st v Winner SF1

Junior Female Competitions

Semi Final

1st v 4th

2nd v 3rd

Final

Winner SF1 v Winner SF 2

11.6 Awards Qualification & Criteria

11.6.1 PlayHQ will be used to determine details of player's averages and aggregates for the season, for Home & Away rounds only.

11.6.2 Qualification requirements include performances in Home & Away matches for all competitions and are set out below:

- (a) Batters:

	Senior Male	Junior Male U15s/17s	Junior Male U13s/14s
Innings	At least 8	At least 5	At least 4
Runs	At least 200	At least 200	At least 150
Average	25.00 or higher	25.00 or higher	25.00 or higher

	Senior Female One-Day	Senior Female T20	Junior Female U17s One-Day	Junior Female U14s/17s T20
Innings	At least 3	At least 5	At least 3	At least 5
Runs	At least 150	At least 150	At least 150	At least 150
Average	25.00 or higher	25.00 or higher	25.00 or higher	25.00 or higher

- (b) Bowlers:

	Senior Male	Junior Male U15s/17s	Junior Male U13s/14s
Wickets	At least 20	At least 15	At least 10

	Senior Female One-Day	Senior Female T20	Junior Female U17s One-Day	Junior Female U14s/17s T20
Wickets	At least 8	At least 5	At least 5	At least 5

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11.6.3 The following individual performance awards shall be presented in respective competitions, along with respective criteria for each:

<i>Grade(s)</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
Men's First Grade	Olly Cooley Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Men's First Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
	Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	WAPCC Team of the Year	Season stats (home & away matches only) – Selected by Cricket Ops & WAPCC Chair
Men's Second Grade	JP Robbins Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Men's Second Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
Men's Third Grade	Albert Richings Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Men's Third Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
Men's Fourth Grade	Alan Mackley Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Men's Fourth Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
All Senior Male Grades	Roy Abbott Best Pitch Award	Highest Rated Pitch as per Captains' & Umpires' Reports
	Most Improved Pitch Award	Highest Year on Year change as per Captains' & Umpires' Reports
	Senior Male Spirit of Cricket Award	Highest rated club as per Umpires' Reports
Boys Under 13s	Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	Champion Player Award	Season stats (home & away matches only)
Boys Under 14s	Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	Champion Player Award	Season stats (home & away matches only)
Boys Under 15s	Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	Champion Player Award	Season stats (home & away matches only)
Boys Under 17s	Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	Champion Player Award	Season stats (home & away matches only)
All Junior Male Grades	Junior Male Spirit of Cricket Award	Highest rated club as per Umpires' Reports

<i>Grade(s)</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
Female A Grade	Karen Read Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Female A Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
Female B Grade	Jenny Owens Medal	Best & Fairest Player in Female B Grade (as voted by Umpires after every home & away fixture)
	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
All Senior Female Grades	WAFCC Team of the Year	Season stats (home & away matches only) – Selected by Cricket Ops & WAFCC Chair <i>Team is a combination of A & B Grade players</i>
	Senior Female Spirit of Cricket Award	Highest rated club as per Umpires' Reports
Female Youth League U17s	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	T20 Champion Player	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	One-Day Champion Player	Season stats (home & away matches only)
Female Youth league U14s	T20 Batting & Bowling Aggregate & Average	Season stats (home & away matches only)
	T20 Champion Player	Season stats (home & away matches only)
All Junior Female Grades	Junior Female Spirit of Cricket Award	Highest rated club as per Umpires' Reports

APPENDIX 1 – FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET SUBCOMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Objective

The objective of the Female (Junior & Senior) Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is to provide a strategic view on the ongoing development of Female Premier Cricket within the WA Premier Cricket Competition. The Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee will make recommendations on Female Premier Cricket to the WA Premier Cricket Management Committee and greater WA Premier Cricket Council.

The Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is not a decision-making body.

Scope

The Sub-Committee will focus on the following key areas:

1. Periodically review the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to Female Premier Cricket
2. Review and recommend changes to the Cricket Council General Rules and appropriate playing conditions, relevant to Female Premier Cricket.
3. Review and recommend changes to the WA Premier Cricket fixture sets, relevant to Female Premier Cricket.
4. Review and recommend changes to relevant Cricket Council Policies that affect or influence Female Premier Cricket.
5. Provide recommendations to the Cricket Council Management Committee regarding Female Premier Cricket Competition size and future growth, within the constraints of the Female Premier Cricket Expansion Plan.
6. Establishing any relevant key performance indicators (KPIs) for Female Premier Cricket: Defining measurable KPIs to monitor progress and evaluate competition development in Female Premier Cricket.
7. Ensuring stakeholder engagement including collaborating with key stakeholders, players, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

The Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee will not consider any matters that are related to Male Premier Cricket.

Responsibilities

The Sub-Committee will be responsible for:

1. Coordinating research and gathering data to inform the direction of Female Premier Cricket within the greater WA Premier Cricket eco-system.
2. Providing recommendations to the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee.

Membership

The Sub-Committee will comprise:

1. WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee Member (Chair) (x1)
2. Executive Officer (WA Cricket Staff Member) (x1)
3. Independent Member (Up to 4)

The WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee Member will be elected at the WA Premier Cricket Council AGM and serve as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Independent Members shall be elected at the Cricket Council AGM and shall meet the following criteria:

- be a current financial member of a WA Premier Cricket Club
- provide a cover letter to accompany the nomination form stating the skills and experience they have that would suit this Sub-Committee.

The Independent Member(s) shall be elected at the Cricket Council AGM in the same manner as Cricket Council Management Committee Members are elected; i.e. nomination, acceptance and election as required and as stipulated within the Cricket Council Constitution.

The Term of an Independent Member(s) is two (2) years.

Only Premier Clubs with Female Premier Cricket teams can be represented on the Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee. Nominations from Premier Clubs without Female Premier Cricket teams will not be accepted.

Any Premier Club can only have a maximum of one (1) individual from their Premier Club on the Female Cricket Council Sub-Committee. If there are multiple nominations from a Premier Club, the Premier Club will be asked to provide a preferred candidate.

A WA Premier Cricket Management Committee cannot fill an independent member position of the Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee.

Should there be a casual vacancy at any point, the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee may co-opt an eligible independent member to the Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee as necessary for the remainder of the term to which the casual vacancy applies to.

Meetings

The Sub-Committee will meet:

1. Quarterly – December, March, June, September
2. At a time and location determined (WACA Ground preferred)
3. With at least 50% of members and the WA Cricket Staff Member present.

Reporting

The Sub-Committee will report to the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee, providing regular progress updates and reports regarding Female Premier Cricket as required.

Authority

The Sub-Committee has the authority to:

1. Seek input and advice from external experts on the advice of the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee.
2. Coordinating research and gather data.
3. Develop and recommend changes to Rules, Playing and Conditions for the WA Premier Cricket Council to consider.
4. Make recommendations in line with the Female Premier Cricket Expansion Plan regarding growth of the Female Premier Cricket Competition within WA Premier Cricket.

The Female Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is not a decision-making body.

Review and Evaluation

The Sub-Committee's performance will be reviewed and evaluated by the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee periodically, based on the achievement of its objectives and the needs of the WA Premier Cricket Competition.

APPENDIX 2 – MALE PREMIER CRICKET SUBCOMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Objective

The objective of the Male (Junior & Senior) Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is to provide a strategic view on the ongoing development of Male Premier Cricket within the WA Premier Cricket Competition. The Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee will make recommendations on Male Premier Cricket to the WA Premier Cricket Management Committee and greater WA Premier Cricket Council.

The Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is not a decision-making body.

Scope

The Sub-Committee will focus on the following key areas:

8. Periodically review the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to Male Premier Cricket
9. Review and recommend changes to the Cricket Council General Rules and appropriate playing conditions, relevant to Male Premier Cricket.
10. Review and recommend changes to the WA Premier Cricket fixture sets, relevant to Male Premier Cricket.
11. Review and recommend changes to relevant Cricket Council Policies that affect or influence Male Premier Cricket.
12. Review Junior Male Premier Cricket Boundaries and proposing any changes to these boundaries to the WA Premier Cricket Council.
13. Establishing any relevant key performance indicators (KPIs) for Male Premier Cricket: Defining measurable KPIs to monitor progress and evaluate competition development in Male Premier Cricket.
14. Ensuring stakeholder engagement: Collaborating with key stakeholders, including players, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

The Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee will not consider any matters that are related to Female Premier Cricket.

Responsibilities

The Sub-Committee will be responsible for:

3. Coordinating research and gathering data to inform the direction of Male Premier Cricket within the greater WA Premier Cricket eco-system.
4. Providing recommendations to the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee.

Membership

The Sub-Committee will comprise:

4. WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee Member (Chair) (x1)
5. Executive Officer (WA Cricket Staff Member) (x1)
6. Independent Member (Up to 4)

The WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee Member will be elected at the WA Premier Cricket Council AGM and serve as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Independent Members shall be elected at the Cricket Council AGM and shall meet the following criteria:

- be a current financial member of a WA Premier Cricket Club
- provide a cover letter to accompany the nomination form stating the skills and experience they have that would suit this Sub-Committee.

The Independent Member(s) shall be elected at the Cricket Council AGM in the same manner as Cricket Council Management Committee Members are elected; i.e. nomination, acceptance and election as required and as stipulated within the Cricket Council Constitution.

The Term of an Independent Member(s) is two (2) years.

Any Premier Club can only have a maximum of one (1) individual from their Premier Club on the Male Cricket Council Sub-Committee. If there are multiple nominations from a Premier Club, the Premier Club will be asked to provide a preferred candidate.

A WA Premier Cricket Management Committee cannot fill an independent member position of the Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee.

Should there be a casual vacancy at any point, the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee may co-opt an eligible independent member to the Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee as necessary for the remainder of the term to which the casual vacancy applies to.

Meetings

The Sub-Committee will meet:

4. Quarterly – December, March, June, September
5. At a time and location determined (WACA Ground preferred)
6. With at least 50% of members and the WA Cricket Staff Member present.

Reporting

The Sub-Committee will report to the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee, providing regular progress updates and reports regarding Male Premier Cricket as required.

Authority

The Sub-Committee has the authority to:

1. Seek input and advice from external experts on the advice of the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee.
2. Coordinate research and gather data.
3. Develop and recommend changes to Rules, Playing and Conditions for the WA Premier Cricket Council to consider.

The Male Premier Cricket Sub-Committee is not a decision-making body.

Review and Evaluation

The Sub-Committee's performance will be reviewed and evaluated by the WA Premier Cricket Council Management Committee periodically, based on the achievement of its objectives and the needs of the WA Premier Cricket Competition.